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Saddam

threatens

Kuwait

over use

of air base

By TOM RHODES AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein sought to draw the United States deeper into direct con-

flict last night, threatening Kuwait and claiming his forces had fired three more

missiles at American aircraft patrolling the extended no-fly

Increasingly bellicose rheto-ric between Baghdad and Washington left few in doubt

that further airstrikes would

be ordered by President

Another American carrier

battle group, led by the USS

Enterprise, was on standby in

the Adriatic last night, as eight

F117A Stealth fighters began

their long trip to a base in

Kuwait in preparation for a

new round of retaliatory

strikes. Any such action is also

expected to involve B52 bomb-

ers from Diego Garcia in the

Indian Ocean, and warships

armed with Tomahawk cruise

missiles, which are already in

Tariq Aziz, the deputy Prime Minister of Iraq, issued a

warning to Kuwait yesterday

that it should not permit its

bases to be used for a possible

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Labour plans tough line on strikes

Blair ready to cut links with unions

By JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP BASSETT

TONY BLAIR is drawing up contingency plans to break the party's historic link with trade unions entirely if they provoke a wave of strikes during the first summer of a Labour government.

Under the strategy, Mr Blair would ballot party mempers on whether they wanted to sever the traditional link with the unions - which founded the party in 1901. If the 400,000 members voted in favour, the move would have to be put to the annual conference, where unions have 50 per cent of the vote. But Mr Blair would be confident of success if he had a substantial party mandate.

If the move went ahead, unions would lose their voting rights at the party conference. their seats on Labour's ruling body, the national executive.

and the national policy forum. One of the main stumbling blocks could be finance, as unions provide more than half of the party's funds. Mr Blair may seek state funding for political parties to make up the shortfall, although this would be difficult to get through the

Commons. The scheme, which would in effect tear up the party's constitution, comes amid increasing industrial action. Post Office workers have already defied Mr Blair's call to reballot their members on strike action and intend to press ahead with two one-day strikes this month.

Yesterday the RMT, the rail union, announced that workers at five more regional rail companies would join their

"She's just heard about Blair and the unions splitting up"

dispute, striking on September 20 and September 23.

Unions, angered by Mr Blair's threats of anti-strike legislation, yesterday backed calls for a much greater expansion of workers rights than Mr Blair would accept. Earlier this week they defied him by proposing a minimum wage of E4.26 an hour.

On finance, party sources argue that they may be able to attract substantial donations from individuals. In the past few weeks Lahour has received Elm from Matthew Harding, vice-chairman of Chelsea Football Club, Elm from animal rights groups and £600,000 from Paul Hamlyn, the publisher. The unions' contribution as a percentage of income has fallen

significantly in recent years. Mr Blair is becoming increasingly concerned about the prospect of a "summer of

discontent" in the early months of a Labour government. Senior party sources claim they have been warned that health and education unions are preparing to oppose any deal which the pay review bodies and the Government recommend next January and will wait for Labour to improve the offer.

Pay for local authority manual workers is settled in the early summer, possibly within weeks of a Labour victory, and Mr Blair fears that these workers may also decide to take advantage of a more sympathetic administration Gordon Brown, who would then be Chancellor, would refuse to agree to their demands.

The Labour leadership has decided to take a tough approach to pay review body recommendations. Sources have made clear that a Labour government would fund in full any awards it agreed to, but Mr Brown would not accept awards he could not afford.

A ballot on the union connection could take place with-in weeks of Mr Blair becoming Prime Minister, if unions decided to take industrial action, and be put to the party conference next autumn. Union leaders will be furi-

ous that Mr Blair is contemplating such a step to undermine them. John Monks, the TUC general secretary who is an ally of Mr Blair's, publicly criticised the Labour leadership when he heard of the proposals to introduce new anti-strike legislation



Noel Gallagher arrives back at Heathrow last night. He refused to continue after another quarrel with brother Liam

Oasis tour silenced by brothers' row

BY CAROL MIDGLEY AND QUENTIN LETTS

OASIS, the anarchic hand tipped to become the biggest pop phenomenon since The Beatles, have abandoned their US tour amid speculation that

they are about to split up. Noel Gallagher, 28, the songwriter with the hugely successful British pop band, yesterday flew home to Britain

following the latest row with his brother and lead singer, Liam, 23. The remaining members of the band were

also preparing to fly back. The strained relations between the brothers reached breaking point before a sound check for their show in Charlotte, North Carolina, on

Three hours before they were due to go on stage in front of 5,000 fans at the Charlotte Hornets Training Centre, Noel announced that he would not be playing. The band were also understood to be unhappy with some poor reviews from the American media. Unlike in Britain, not all their shows had been sellouts and the tour has been generally regarded as a

disappointment. Jon Percival, event opera-

said: "We received a statement saying: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the concert has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled." The fans, who had paid EI5 a ticket, were turned away. The band's record company,

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mouth," one official said. William Perry, the Defence Secretary, who had issued a warning of a "disproportionate" response to any provoca-

Creation, refused to confirm or deny that Oasis were to split. Their spokesman John

of the Kuwait regime a flagrant aggression against Iraqi people and an act of war against Iraq." he said. The White House said no Iraqi missiles had been fired at American aircraft. The only fireworks today have come from Tariq Aziz's

tion of American forces, said the Iraqi minister's comments were "totally unacceptable". He said: "US forces have Continued on page 2. col 1

Republican sniping, page 14

for lower cattle cull

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Government took the first step yesterday towards abandoning or severely scaling down the selective slaughter of 125,000 younger cattle thought to be at greatest risk from BSE.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, won backing from the Cabinet for his intention to tell Brussels that he had no hope of getting the cull scheme passed by the Commons without a guarantee that the export ban on British beef would be lifted soon. He is to argue in talks with Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner, on Monday that new scientific research suggesting that BSE will die out naturally in five

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years has changed the basis on which the original slaughter plans were based. But he will also accept that other research confirming that BSE can be passed from mothers to calves could justify the slaughter of some 22,000 "last born" calves of infected cows.

The Cabinet discussion appeared to reflect the growing recognition among ministers that the timetable agreed at the Florence summit for the lifting of the beef ban is unlikely to be met. The Government is deeply anxious to avoid a further confrontation with Brussels on the issue, and is avoiding inflammatory public statements.

But Mr Hogg's view that there is little point in going ahead with the selective slaughter - which was never scientifically justified but agreed to only as part of a framework for lifting the ban if the prohibition is to remain in force has strong backing in the Tory party.

Meanwhile the Govern-

ment took urgent action to reduce the growing backlog of older cattle to be slaughtered under the 30-month scheme. Measures agreed included allowing a greater proportion of each animal to be placed in cold storage and the conversion of two more large grain stores into cold storage centres, providing space for an extra 25,000 carcasses.

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Hogg wins support | Prince vents anger against tourist hotel 'uglification'

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales, scourge of carbuncles, has found a new source of blots on the landscape, and an excrescense of a word to describe them. The latest offenders are hotels, and what they contribute to the world is "uglification".

Ugly and insensitive hotels are rapidly spoiling the world's unspoilt places, the Prince says in an article directed at the tourist industry to be published on Monday. Instead of throwing up end-

less concrete monstrosities, hotel companies should make much more use of existing buildings, accommodating tourists in converted mills, old hospitals, abandoned military buildings, or monasteries, the Prince says. From Hyde Park Corner in London to the most far-flung corners of Africa, he suggests, the tourist industry has erected hideous carbundes for short-term gain, with no regard to surroundings or environment.

The Prince sounds off in the trade magazine Green Hotelier, launched a year ago as part of his initiative, through his Business Leaders' Forum, to persuade the international hotel industry to become more environmentally friendly. whether by building sympathetically or by washing guest towels only when they have been used.

"Economic growth and in-creased tourism have brought with them the almost unstoppable seeds of destruction for the unspoilt parts of our world which drive the quest for travel in the first place. For many places the process of uglification through insensitive development for mass tourism, and the destruction natural environments

townscapes and fragile ecosystems have demon vividly and tragically, the

limits to sustainability. As an example of ugliness close to home, or what he calls "bad-mannered development", the Prince cites the collection of concrete hotels clustered around Hyde Park Corner - although just across the street is another hotel from an converted

hospital.

Hyde Park Corner's three giant hotels, which date from the 1960s, are the Hilton, the Intercontinental and the Four Seasons, formerly the Inn on the Park. On the opposite corner is the Lanesborough, carved in the 1990s out of what used to be St George's Hospital, and preserving the old building's classical facade.



The Hilton hotel, left, and the Intercontinental, on London's Hyde Park Corner

Model agency boss jailed

Peter Martin, the boss of a model agency who drugged and brainwashed teenage girls at his home, was jailed for 20 years for a series of

rapes and assaults.

Martin, 56, a former policeman, provided girls for the football and media tycoon Owen Oyston, who was failed for six years in May for raping and assaulting a 16-year-old model delivered to his home by Martin Page 5

Girls rout boys in A-level war

Giris in independent schools have overtaken boys at A level. Until now the battle of the sexes has been won by girls at GCSE and by boys at A level. But the first gender analysis of the independent sector's results shows that male dominance in the sixth form is over Pages 10, 35

Record FT index

A raft of strong company results helped the FT-SE 100 index to rise 27.0 points, closing at a record 3932.6 despite disappointment over inflation, which fell to 2.1 per cent in August from 2.2 per cent in JulyPage 23

Liverpool win

Liverpool beat the part-timers MyPa-47 I-0 at Anjalankoski in Finland in the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup tie. Stig Inge Bjornebye scored the goal in the second half after 61 minutes with a left-footed volley Page 44



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Ministers fear new IRA bomb campaign

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND MICHAEL EVANS

MINISTERS fear that the IRA is poised for a mainland bombing campaign in defiance of intensifying pressure for a renewed ceasefire. Intelligence services have warned that a small network of terrorists is preparing to target high-profile industrial or commercial centres. They are said to have compiled a

honed-down list of targets that E would hit Britain financially. prompting fears that attacks may again be aimed at the City of

Iraqi threat

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understand that the United

States will take all necessary

and appropriate action to pro-

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military commanders met in emergency session to discuss

the latest statements from

Irag, a country whose threats

some Arab diplomats dis-

missed the Iraqi threats as

mere rhetoric and said it was

inevitable that Baghdad

would take this stand against Kuwait for allowing itself to be

used as a launching pad for

strikes against Iraq. An Arab envoy in Jordan

said: "It's a hollow threat.

Saddam's army is not capable

of moving against Kuwait and

without air cover would be bombed to bits before it could

tered its biggest show of air

power against Iraq since the

Gulf War, Baghdad insisted

that it would try to shoot down

any American. British and

French warplanes flying over

ing its national air space." Abd-al-Ghani Abd-al-Ghafur,

Irag's information minister.

missile strikes on southern

Iraq last week. Saddam said

he would no longer honour the

"damned imaginary" no-fly zones and any attacks on

allied warplanes were legiti-

☐ Aid warning: British aid

workers are trying to carry on

their missions in dangerous

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or no means of contacting the

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worried abouts its personnel

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T to take seriously. However,

ing training programmes in Britain in preparation for a bombing offensive within the next two months. The warnings contradict suggestions by the Irish Government that the IRA is poised to declare a ceasefire in an effort to allow Sinn Fein, its political wing, into the Northern Ireland cross-party

The new intelligence information comes in the wake of a warning by Sir Hugh Annesley, the former RUC Chief Constable, that the IRA was preparing a mainland cam-paign. The Belfast talks have reached a critical stage, with the

pressing parties to move to substantive discussions, including the surrender of terrorist weapons.

British Government sources say that the new intelligence casts serious doubts on the optimism shown by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, who indicated on Wednesday that there was a prospect of an IRA ceasefire. Fears have increased despite police and MI5 breakthroughs in which the IRA's "engineering department", which develops bomb-making techniques, is thought to have been

undermined. Although seizures of large caches

experienced IRA members are lead- British and Irish governments of arms and equipment are thought the moral high ground from loyalto have disrupted plans, intelligence services believe that the terrorists are lying low in readiness for a headline-grabbing "spectacular" by IRA "cleanskins" — trained

terrorists unknown to the police. The unconvicted terrorists are believed to have been behind the London Docklands bombing that ended the IRA ceasefire in February, and the Manchester bomb that devastated the Arndale shopping

Some republican activists are known to have opposed a renewed terror campaign, claiming that the

ists who were embroiled in summer violence in Northern Ireland. Members of the IRA's army council have also been warned that an attack could severely damage support in the US. In the run-up to the US Presidential elections in November. any attack would draw scathing criticism from President Clinton as he leads a high-profile international

drive against terrorism.

Even if the predicted bombings do not materialise, ministers are believed to be sceptical about suggestions of a meaningful ceasefire. which could allow Gerry Adams and fellow Sinn Fein leaders to John Major is being warned to resist any truce that falls short of an unequivocal restoration of the 17-month ceasefire that ended in February this year. Senior Tory MPs fear that the Government's anxiety to revive the flagging Northern Ireland talks in the run-up to a general election could prompt ministers to acept a conditional

However, pro-Unionist Tory MPs have made clear that they will accept nothing short of a total ceasefire alongside the first moves towards

decommissioning.

ceasefire.

Fury as legal aid reforms go ahead

The Government will face concerted opposition - including possible strike action over its intention to go ahead with legal aid reforms that do not need legislation, writes Frances Gibb. The Law Society and advice groups including the Child Poverty Action Group and Shelter yesterday launched a joint campaign to fight the

They gave warning that the plans, outlined in a White Paper in July, would "seriously undermine the ability of people on low incomes to enforce their legal rights".

The Government recently shelved the key parts of its legal aid reforms.

Vodka ad rebuke

An poster depicting a confession box bursting into flames as the devil tries to purify himself under the influence of Smirnoff vodka has caused offence in Ireland. The Republic's Advertising Standards' Authority has censured Smirnoff's advertising agency, Cawley Nea in Dublin, after complaints about it using the image of a sacrament.

Jim Cantwell, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church, said: "Catholics are not averse to humour, but this was a joke in bad taste."

MS complaints

The Multiple Sclerosis Society has been inundated with complaints and accused of breaching confidentiality by sending a sensitive magazine to 55,000 members in a see-

through envelope.

Debbie Henn, secretary of the MS Society branch in Croydon, south London, said: The issue has the words Incontence, freedom and you' in enormous orange letters. People are sensitive enough about being ill without the postman and everyone else seeing this."

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Cool Carev

The Archbishop of Canterbury will take part tomorrow in an "ambient, chilled, acid jazz, trip-hop" service that has

nightclub than evensone Dr George Carey will sit on a cushion in the nonconformist chapel, answer questions and sample "pumping dance music" at the hour-long act of worship which he asked to attend, according to today's Church Times. Up to a 100 youths are expected to attend the service, which takes place monthly in Cranbrook, Kent.

Royal reporter

The Duchess of York has been commissioned to write celebrity interviews for Paris Match, four years after suing the French magazine for publishing the infamous toe-sucking pictures that precipitated her fall from grace. A spokesman for Paris Match said last night: "She is going to be one of our reporters. We approached her and she accepted. Fergie is very well known in France and she is very popular. She is very direct and spontaneous and the

French love her."

Thinking small Peter Lilley has disclosed that he is the only Cabinet member to eschew a five-star hotel room during the Conservative conference, because he cannot abide "wasting money".

The Social Security tary, who runs a £90 billion budget, is portrayed in a new BBC2 documentary, The System, as a frugal character. At the Blackpool conference last year, he is shown rehearsing his big speech in a modest. three-star hotel room while other Cabinet ministers were at the Imperial.



Gerry Adams greets Mary Robinson during a visit by the President of the Irish Republic to west Belfast yesterday. The two shook hands for the first time in public at the end of a visit to a youth development project at a school on the Upper Springfield Road (Nicholas Watt

writes). The brief meeting took place at a spot in the school assembly hall which appeared to have been arranged between Sinn Fein and the presidential party. The Sing Fein president welcomed Mrs Robinson to Belfast in Irish before she moved on. The handshake was

seen last night as part of a concerted attempt by Dublin to endorse the Sinn Fein president after the disturbances in Northern Ireland during the marching season. Dublin be-lieves that Mr Adams heads a "peace camp" within the republican movement, and that he should be encouraged in his apparent efforts to restore the IRA ceasefire. In Washington on Wednesday John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, appealed to the IRA to restore its ceasefire. After the visit, Mrs Robinson played down the signifi-

cance of her meeting. She said she

had no role in the political discussions, which allowed her to meet people in their work at a community level. "It was in that context that I met Gerry Adams." Unionists reacted furiously when Mrs Robinson shook hands with Mr Adams in

Fresh opposition to 48-hour week

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS AND PHILIP WEBSTER IN LONDON

BRITAIN yesterday promised to resist fresh proposals from the European Commission that would impose a 48hour week on workers exempted from European

Ministers pledged to intensify their efforts to close loopholes through which they claim Brussels is imposing the social chapter in Britain. They said they would fight plans that could limit the working time of transport employees. hospital doctors and others who are exempted from the controversial directive imposing a 48-hour week. Government has appealed against the measure.

safety," a spokeswoman said. Downing Street made plain last night that John Major Republican sniping, page 14 would not sign up to agree-

ments in the current intergovernmental conference unless the loophole that allowed Brussels to bring forward matters governing employment rights under health and ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said that the latest Brussels move was another example of how important it was to resist the encroachment of the EU into employment matters.

The TUC yesterday welcomed the plan. John Monks, its General-Secretary, said: "I strongly welcome the EC's move to limit transport workers' hours. Tired and stressedout drivers are a danger to the public as well as themselves." The EU Commission confirmed that it was working on the working time directive. The main workers affected would be those in railways, airlines, road haulage and shipping. Junior hospital docbecause, unlike those in most other EU states, they are employees rather than students. British workers are more affected by any working hour limits than those in other states because, on average. they work the longest hours in

a longstanding plan to extend

stern Europe. The Government is hercely opposed to the whole principle of the working directive, passed in 1993 by majority voting after long negotiation in which the Government won broad exemptions. Britain abstained. However, it reversed its approach and challenged the law in the European Court of Justice last spring on the ground that the measure, which comes into effect in November, was wrongly passed under heading of health and safety. The Government says the directive breaches the spirit of its opt-out from the social chapter, the protocol to the Maastricht treaty covering employment conditions among the 14 other member

A court decision is expected in the middle of next month. EU officials are confident that Britain will be overruled because a preliminary finding by the court's adviser last March found against the Government's case.

End of the road for **Transport Department**

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

THE Department of Trans-ronment, and for aviation, port seems certain to disapwhether the Conservatives or Labour win

the general election. Senior Whitehall officials have considered for some time that the department no longer has sufficient functions to warrant its status as a separate department of state. With the privatisation of British Rail and the creation of agencies to deal with the highways, maritime safety and coastguards, they believe remaining policy functions could

easily be transferred. The most likely option is for roads, planning and road safety policy to be reintegrated with the Department of Envi-

shipping and matters concerning the regulation of the private transport companies to be moved to Trade and Industry.

Such a move fits in with the Government drive for a slimmer central bureaucracy. But the interesting development is that senior Labour politicians are also now discussing the abolition of Transport as a separate Cabinet portfolio. A source close to Tony Blair, the Labour leader, confirmed last night that Claire Short was told about the likelihood of Transport losing its Cabinet status when she was moved to

the Overseas Development

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Unions demand more rights than Labour wants to offer

By Christine Buckley INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

TRADE unions again challenged Labour hopes of transforming industrial relations esterday, demanding rights beyond what a Blair govern-

ment would grant. At the Trades Union Conress, meeting in Blackpool, Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the Graphical, Paper and Media Union, criticised Labour for failing to guarantee the full restoration of trade union rights removed by the Conservatives. The TUC's demands for increased employment laws come as Labour makes clearer its proposals to reform industrial legislation, floating plans for binding arbitration for disputes involv-

LABOUR'S caution over sev-

ering links with the unions

has been largely due to its dependence on their financial

support. In 1995 the unions

contributed £6.8 million, 54

per cent of the party's £12.5

In 1986, union funding rep-

resented 77 per cent of party

income and Labour sources

claim the proportion is still

dropping as more donations

come from business and party

members. The 1995 accounts

show that fundraising raised

18.6 per cent of income and

membership 16 per cent.

Fundraising includes one off

donations from some larger

unions. Those unions who

have already contributed over

million income.

ing public sector services. Visits to the TUC by Tony Blair, the Labour leader, and David Blunkett, the Shadow Employment Secretary, made plain the distance that new Labour is prepared to put between itself and the unions. The TUC yesterday over-

whelmingly endorsed a call for employment rights from the first day of employment; rights for all workers to be represented by a union; union recognition to be legally underwritten if union membership is more than 50 per cent of a workplace bargaining unit; recognition to cover all collective bargaining; laws to ban the dismissal of workers who join legitimate disputes: the right to take solidarity action; limits on flexible hours

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

public sector union, the GMB

general workers union, the AEEU engineering union and

the CWU communications

Unions provide £4.5 million

in affiliation fees. Many give

unspecified amounts to indi-

vidual MPs for their costs.

Direct sponsorship of MPs

has ended but unions give

money to MPs' constituencies.

cant role in policy-making.

although this has been signifi-cantly reduced under Tony

Blair's leadership. Twelve of

the elected members of the

national executive committee,

Labour's ruling body, are

union leaders and unions

Unions also have a signifi-

Workers Union, Unison, the and approves important poli-

cv documents.

contracts; and the banning of zero-hour contracts which offer no guarantee of work. Labour recently declined to confirm a pledge made by the late John Smith when he was

Labour leader that employment rights would start on the day a person started a job rather than the current requirement of two years. The party said it was seeking clarification of a European case. It is that thought a oneyear requirement is likely.

Mr Dubbins also criticised Labour for plans to require ballots over recognition where unions can already claim more than 50 per cent mem-bership. He said the plan was cumbersome, bureaucratic, and, at the end of the day, I

However, a call from Arthur Scargill, president of National Union of Mineworkers, to refuse to work within union legislation was defeated.

Mouths where their money is

Unions still effectively have

a 50 per cent block vote at the

annual party conference,

which has reduced from 70 per

cent since Mr Blair became

Labour leader. Although indi-

vidual delegates now techni-

cally have their own vote at the

party conference, many union

leaders still tend unofficially to

mandate their delegates on the

The unions hold 33.3 per cent

of the vote in the electoral

college for leadership elec-

But perhaps the most signif-

icant contribution the unions

give is their campaigning

They have a huge network of

eve of crucial votes.

Mr Scargill, who has left Labour and set up his Socialist Labour Party, condemned the spirit of co-operation called for by John Monks, TUC general secretary, in his keynote speech to the conference earlier this week, and dismissed 'леw unionism as "old-style

Union, whose Royal Mail

membership is involved in a

series of strikes, told the TUC

"The question of if, when and

how many times we ballot is a

matter for us."

Churchill can insure your car for *less*



It's all over till the thin lad sings again

WHY are Oasis are so cool? Because by always being one punch away from splitting up they have kept their fans in a state of permanent anxiety. One would hazard that the reason 5 per cent of the population applied for tickets to this summer's Knebworth gigs was the very real fear that there would not be any Oasis gigs next year.

The urgency of Oasis's

music is matched only by the rapacious speed at which the band is ticking off career moves from The Big Rock'n' Roll Handbook: controversial girlfriends, drugs, drink, fights, hotel wrecking, numerous drummers, public break-ups and even more public reconciliations. In an industry where every move, angle and scam is planned a year in advance. Oasis have reintroduced unpredictability: and the public's gratitude for this rare excitement is expressed in sales of 9.5 million copies of (What's The Story) Morning

However, the emotional toll of living the life of a mega-pop star is enormous. "You wanna try being me and [Liam] for an afternoon. You'd slit your own throat, mate," Noel Gallager told Select magazine in Au-

have heard the last from Oasis, says Caitlin Moran gust. Well, life certainly hasn't

got any easier for the brothers since then. After a blazing row with Liam, Noel has flown back to England, cancelling the ill-fated tour. Their record label, Creation, has issued a statement neither confirming nor denying that the band has split up, and all the rest is

However, it's not like this is freakish event. Noel has walked out on the band before last year's American tour saw him go missing on a five-

day hedonism spree before he calmed down and rejoined the band. Last Christmas saw numerous press reports heralding the end of Oasis; Liam walked out on the band during a recording of Later With Jools Holland. In the following furore, it was mooted that Robbie Williams, the minx from Take That, would be joining the band as Liam's replacement. Of course, this didn't happen. Even the band's first major interview, with the New Musical Express.

> home to his mum for a bit. I would hazard a guess that, after the initial shock headlines, Noel and Liam will have a chat, have a bit of a fight, have a couple of drinks, one more light for the road, and then start planning next year's album. All of this has happened before - and it will happen many times again before the cries of "Wolf!" are

Despite the acrimony and the

walkouts, we are unlikely to

Liam's head.

brawls on tour.

saw Noel break a chair over

The recently published What's The Story?, by former tour manager lan Robertson,

was a hugely entertaining Who's Hitting Who, cataloguing Oasis's many spats and

The band has not been out

of the tabloids for two years

now — two years of telephoto lenses trained on their toilets;

journalists sleeping on their

doorsteps: fans ripping their

hair out and every quote

analysed for scandal/wis-

dom/inadvertent insight.
In the past month alone,

Oasis have had front pages

recording Liam's engagement to Patsy Kensit, his sudden

quitting of the American tour to find a house, his alleged

visits to a psychiatrist and his

spitting at the audience at the MTV video awards in New York. Coupled with this, ticket

sales at several of the venues

on the American tour have

been disappointing - more

than enough to make any pop star, however hard and

rockin' he is, to want to go



They love each other really: Liam and Noel Gallagher with the less demonstrative members of the band

Oasis tour abandoned after row

Cotinued from page I Hopkins said in a statement: "Oasis have hit internal differences on their ninth tour of America which has resulted in the tour being pulled two-thirds of the way through. It is unlikely that immediate touring commitments will be fulfilled."

If successful the tour was to have elevated Oasis to the superstatus alongside the Gallaghers' heroes, The Beatles. Ironically. The Beatles performed their

last concert in America in San Francisco in 1966 and never toured again. The legendary punk band the Sex Pistols also

split up while touring in America.

If Oasis do dishand it will be the second major blow to the British pop industry in less than a year. Take That, which achieved worldwide fame and almost revived the moribund singles market, also split up soon after Robbie

Last night a red-eyed Noel Gallagher refused to say a word as he arrived at London's Heathrow airport. After stepping off a Concorde flight from New York, he walked with his head down through Terminal 4's arrival lounge accompanied by a bodyguard, and was met by two more minders.

One source said Noel left after a fivehour "summit meeting" called by himself and his brother at their hotel.

Jet bomb hoaxer faces bill of £100,000

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

A BOMB hoaxer who forced an American Airlines jet to turn back to Britain in mid-Atlantic faces criminal prosecution and a civil action for the estimated £100,000 cost of the

The Boeing 767 from Heathrow to Chicago was 400 miles out over the Atlantic when a passenger found a handwritten note that had fallen from the seat-back pocket in front. It contained a warning that a bomb was on board.

Police and airline officials do not think a passenger on the diverted flight was involved. They are combing records of previous flights to find the culprit.

As it contained references to Lockerbie, the captain returned to the nearest airfield, more than an hour away at Glasgow. Passengers were taken off and the jet searched,

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but nothing was found. American Airlines said that extra fuel, landing charges, hotel accommodation for passengers and disruption to the crew's rotas and aircraft schedules had cost at least £100,000. "We are now discussing with lawyers whether we are able to sue under either British or American law."

The passengers left Heathrow yesterday 26 hours late. will receive refunds which the hoaxer would be sued for. Criminal charges would bring at least seven

Public interest generated by their uncertain future has generated massive sales of Oasis's albums Which? test helped gang to steal cash

BY TIM JONES

THE consumer magazine Which? unwittingly helped a former bank security consultant to steal £130,000 from 'hole in the wall" cash machines, it was alleged yesterday.

Andrew Stone, 30, was given the perfect cover to try out his plan when the magazine asked him to test his theory about security flaws, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Which?'s interest was legitimate when, in 1994, it gave Stone the name of an account and permission to see whether he could gain access to it. Michael Holland, for the prosecution, said: "The beauty of it for him was that he got a dry run and, if he was caught, he had a perfect explanation."

Once Stone had established that his scheme worked he began in earnest to steal substantial amounts of money, Mr Holland said. He and his accomplices toured the country looking for Abbey National cash machines that were overlooked by premises they could rent-

Then they used two video cameras to film customers making transactions. One was trained on the customer's fingers to identify his or her personal number. The other filmed the card.

Mr Holland said that the gang would then spend days collating the results and matching the numbers to account details. This enabled them to manufacture scores of forged cards that enabled them, at their leisure, to empty accounts by amounts of up to 5250 a time.

Stone, of Fairham, Hampshire, has admitted conspiracy to steal and will be sentenced later. A co-defendant, aged 47, who cannot be named for legal reasons, denies taking part in the plot. Other gang members have not been caught. The trial continues.

Stalker ruined my life, woman tells court

By Kathryn Knight

A YOUNG woman fought back tears in the witness box yesterday as she told a man accused of stalking her for her life.

Sitting only feet apart in the crowded courtroom. Margaret Bent, 30 a cafe manageress, refused to look at Dennis Chambers as she said he had taken over her life. "My mind is not my own at the moment,"

Mr Chambers, 37, a delivery van driver, denies causing grievous bodily harm with intent, grievous bodily harm and affray. Miss Bent twiddled her hands nervously and stared straight ahead as Mr Chambers, who is representing himself, left the dock and sat on benches normally reserved for lawyers as he prepared to conduct his defence.

Miss Bent told Inner London Crown Court that she had lost weight, lost sleep, felt ill and taken up smoking because of the psychological stress caused by Mr Chambers. She claims he followed her home nearly every day and pestered her with thousands of phone calls, as well as threatening her with a knife. She had told the jury: "When I see him it makes me feel

scared, worried, sick." Mr Chambers accused her of lying, saying: "I have never caused her GBH, that's what I'm trying to get at."

Quentin Campbell, the Recorder, told Miss Bent that Mr Chambers' case was that he had not caused her "serious psychological injury". Miss Bent said: "He would not know, he would not know what's happened to me because he's never spent any time in my company. He didn't know me before and he doesn't know me now."

Asked by the judge if her stress was due to other prob-

lems in her life, she replied: "My life is not my own at the moment. I am constantly thinking about what he is going to do next. I am con-

stantly walking down the

street thinking 'What is going to happen to me?' and always looking behind me. So no, no." Miss Bent, from Brixton, south London, told the court that her ordeal began in 1992 when Mr Chambers walked up to her in the street and tried to pick her up. Despite making it clear she was not

> no for an answer. In the years that followed he followed her home from work several times a week and repeatedly called her at the restaurant. Towards the end of 1994 he became aggressive. He registered his car in her name so that she received a string of parking tickets, court summonses and threatening letters from bailiffs.

interested, he would not take

Mr Chambers was arrested in March after Miss Bent called the police from her cafe. She said she had locked her-self in her office after he went into the cafe armed with a 10inch blade and threatened to kill her. The trial continues.



Margaret Bent: said her

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Village uproar after fête visitor cries 'cheat' at tombola stall denied any wrongdoing but

By ROBIN YOUNG

THINGS suddenly turned nasty at the village fete when a visitor accused the organisers of rigging the tombola. First the police were called, then the local trading standards department

Locals at Apperley, population 460, on the banks of the Cevern near Cheltenham. Cloucestershire, appalled by the row, insist that they had done nothing wrong.

The trouble started when

Leonard Morton, of Swindon, Wiltshire, noticed that few prizes were being won. He this won him only one cigarette lighter and a bar of soap. he accused the stall's owners of working a scam, because there were many prizes left displaying blue tickets.

Tempers and voices were raised and Mr Morton, 50, a charity worker, stormed off to to the police in Cheltenham, who referred it to the trading standards department.

Mr Morton said yesterday: "It seemed strange that all those prizes were sitting there and nobody was winning. So I bought all the blue tickets. Surprise, surprise, there were still about 14 prizes with blue

suggested that some tickets might have "blown away". The parish council chairman, William Morris, said: "It was all above board. There was a general muddle when the lid fell off the tombola barrel. It was a breezy day and some of them may have blown away."

Peter Myers, a solicitor from Apperley who helped to run the tombola, said: "The reason prizes were left was that some people had kindly not claimed them. They were given out at the end. People like him make me sick."

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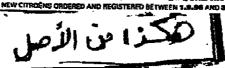
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Trusted former policeman preyed on the ambitions of teenage girls who were lured to his home

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Martin, centre, being taken away to start his sentence yesterday

Model agency rapist gets 20 years

THE head of a model agency who drugged and brainwashed teenage girls at his home was jailed r 20 years yesterday for a series of rapes and assaults.

Peter Martin, 56, a former policeman, was of the most prolific sex offenders to appear before the courts in Britain. He also provided girls for the football and media tycoon Owen Oyston, who was jailed for six years in May for raping and assaulting a 16-year-old model delivered to his home by Martin.

As the portly, bearded agency chief was led up from the court cells to hear the jury's verdicts yesterday, he leered and winked at the public gallery, where some of his victims were sitting. Moments later he stood, ashen-faced, one hand hooked into the back of his jeans, as the jury foreman returned the first of a string of guilty verdicts over six rapes and five indecent assaults stretching over 13 years.

There were gasps of relief from the gallery. The cases involving girls aged 13 to 18 were only specimen charges, chosen from a total of 64, including 19 rapes.

During the two-month trial, the jury was told that girls went to his

agency in Sale, Greater Manchester, hoping for glamorous careers. Instead they were brainwashed into obedience, fed hyp-notic drugs under the pretence that they were slimming and vitamin pills, and indecently assaulted before Martin forced them to have sex, usually just after their sixteenth birthdays.

Many still suffered nightmares and emotional disturbances. Judge Brian Carter, QC, said: The parents of the girls involved trusted you and relied on you to look after their daughters, starting at your agency well under the age of 16 in some cases. You emphasised to the parents that you were an ex-police officer and therefore could be trusted.

"The girls were ambitious to become successful models and you took advantage of them in a deliberate and premeditated way. You not only destroyed their youth and innocence, you de-prived them of a normal happy and healthy adult life.

"You denied all these offences and required the complainants to give evidence and relive their experience. It is difficult to think of a worse case of its type.

Martin's home became known



Martin's former girlfriend, Tracey Grainey, was cleared. Right, the Model House, where up to 20 girls stayed at once

as the Model House. Up to 20 the importance of their sixteeth girls would stay at one time in a "strange, perverted family situa-tion," Helen Grindrod, QC, prosecuting, told Manchester Crown Court. The girls, who attended modelling classes at weekends, could not use the telephone or go out without permission. Friendships, boyfriends and contact with families was discouraged.

Many were given tablets which they were told would relax them. but made them sleepy and zombie-like. Girls became aware of birthdays, because then Martin regarded them as fair game. The sex was often violent, involving hair-pulling and face-slapping. Sometimes they were bound and gagged. Many former models spoke of feeling brainwashed.

Mrs Grindrod said: "His favourites were made the subject of outbursts of anger and humiliation in front of the others. In their innocence, they strove harder to please the boss, the man who held the key to their future." He tycoon's daughter, Dawn, went to his agency to do a stint at modelling. Martin introduced girls to Oyston, saying he was a powerful friend who could be useful in their careers.

Police began investigating after two girls complained to their aunt of being groped by Martin. A detective said: "We broke in to find Martin dangling from the loft, hiding a load of videos."

When detectives saw videos of businessmen having sex with teenage girls, they believed that they were dealing with a blackmail case. However, after the publication of Martin's arrest. more girls filed complaints. In a five-month investigation, there vere also allegations against

Martin told the court that his house merely had a "fun atmo-sphere" adding: "It was high spirits or everyone having a good time or people being reckless or people being sexual.

Martin's former lover and assistant, Tracey Grainey, 30, was cleared of all four sex charges against her. Miss Grainey, a successful model who was seduced by Martin at the age of 16. wept uncontrollably as the verdicts were delivered.

Shady outfits exploit hopes of the young

By KATE ALDERSON

THE model agency run by Peter Martin was registered for most of its existence but, according to police, the registration was always in someone else's name.

Until January 1995, all modelling agents had to be registered with the Department of Employment. Today, modelling agents, like all employment agencies , are circumscribed by the Employment Agencies Act. The rights of young girls working for a modelling agent are similar to with their money — and they those of an adult, and inspectors arely get them work. tors investigate complaints.

and Young Persons Act, any art in a performance to be filmed or broadcast, or a theatrical performance which could include a modelling show — must be chaperoned. When a child or teenager is involved in stills photography there is no such requirement, according to the Department of Health A spokesman said: "Parents should be taking care that the person looking after their child is a reasonable person and should take steps to find out about them."

Laurie Kuhrt, chairman of the Association of Model Agents, said the world of bona

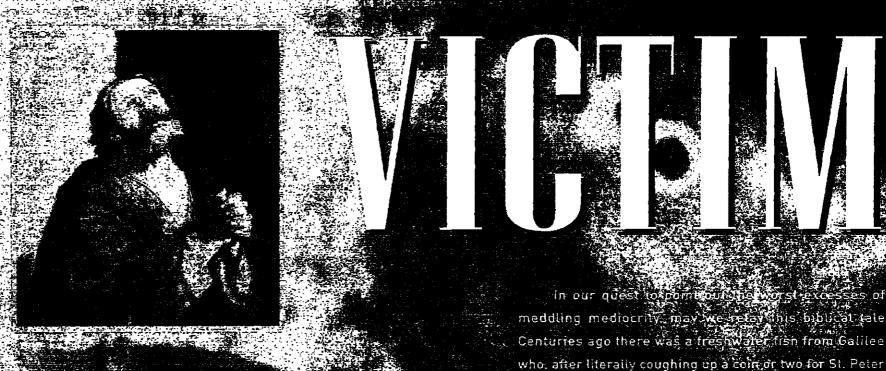
fide modelling agents was small. "I have been in the business for 30 years and there has never been an incident, even a trivial one, within the AMA.

"Unfortunately, the model business is capable of being exploited, and outside the bona fide business there are people operating so-called agencies and schools and all kinds of other spin-offs. The usual motivation is to encourage aspiring models to part

"Some will entice girls in Under the 1963 Children for sinister reasons. These agents take advantage of the stars in their eyes and they are extraordinarily gullible." The association's members must have been trading for at least two years, provide evidence that they are getting suitable work for their models, and demonstrate high standards of working practice.

> Elisabeth Smith, who runs her modelling agency in London and finding work for children, teenagers and families, said: People should never, ever answer an advert for modelling in the newspaper. No reputable agency needs to

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Psychologists extol benefits of divorce for all the family

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

DIVORCE can benefit parents and children by increasing their self-reliance and giving them control over their psychologists said

The breakup of the traditional nuclear family is not as big a disaster as it is painted. Although single parents may have more to cope with, they experience greater rewards. mothers have a sense of achievement over doing a difficult job well and children report a feeling of love and security no matter who provides it, according to research in London and Lancaster.

Dr Ann Woollett, who presented a symposium "Positive perspectives of divorce and single parenthood" to the British Psychological Society's developmental section confer-ence in Oxford yesterday, said that, by the end of the century, nuclear families would be outnumbered by stepfamilies

and single-parent families. Divorce is clearly an unpleasant and painful experience. But there are some more positive aspects. There was a sense that with more responsibility comes more reward. Some women said, Yes, we are hard up, but at least now we know what is happening." If they had been in a stressful relationship with a man who was often not around or spending the household

much worse off because they no longer had to cope with the unreliability."

Dr Woollett and Patsy Fuller, of the University of East London, interviewed 35 single mothers living in east London. "We wanted to find out what divorce feels like for mothers and children. It often seemed that the mothers were singing that Gloria Gaynor song I Will Survive.

"They had come through a painful experience, were working very hard under difficult circumstances and were proud of what they had

Home care is best for baby

Children who have been cared for in crèches or day centres from before the age of one are more likely to develop problems in co-operating with other children than those who have been looked after at home, University of Milan researchers told the conference. "These results suggest that, at least for some children, when relationships with parents are impoverished due to early and extended group care in infancy, the growth of some social abilities relevant to moral development may be

money they did not feel that achieved. The children felt loved and were proud of their mums," Dr Woollett said.

In a second study, conducted at Lancaster University, 76 mothers from separated and married families with a child aged between one and two were compared. The researchers, Dr Cheryl Kier and Dr Charlie Lewis, found that, although the separated mothers had faced greater difficulties in the past year, they also saw them as having a positive effect. Separation was a "subtle balance" of disadvantages and gains for the parent who had custody of the child.

Dr Woollett, 51, whose second marriage has lasted 20 years, admitted that the findings flew in the face of research showing that divorce disadvantaged children. "We are not trying to say that divorce is a good thing, but there are ways of coping. We were not looking at performance. We were trying to see what divorce is like from the inside for those going through it. So much of the research has been from the outside, looking at measures of behaviour and

achievement. "If there is a political message in these findings it is that we ought to think more about how we support couples so marriages don't break down. and support single parents when they do."



Kent Nagano rehearsing the Halle for the first night at the Bridgewater Hall

Hallé's new home earns mixed reviews

By Kate Alderson and Marcus Binney

£42 million concert hall opened to mixed notices from the critics but a resounding welcome from most of its firstnight audience.

Some reviewers thought the Hallé Orchestra's perfor-mance of works by Elgar. Walton and George Benjamin at the Bridgewater Hall lacked body and presence. Gerald Larner, writing in The Times today, said that the Halle sounded remote from his seat in the gallery. Others said that the strings had to compete with heavy bass and called for adjustments to the acoustics.

But for the rest of the audience, sprinkled with civic leaders and sponsors, the ovation suggested that the sound was quite good enough. Michael Bukht, Classic FM's pro-

gramme controller, whose station broadcast the concert conducted by Kent Nagano, declared the hall the best venue in Britain. It is the new home of the Halle, formerly housed in the Free Trade Hall. and is the performance base of the BBC Philharmonic and Manchester Camerata.

Mr Bukht said: "The opening night was one of the finest concerts I think we have ever broadcast. On every level, as a piece of equipment, it works for the audience and the

Nicholas Payne, the opera director at Covent Garden. praised the vivid sound. "Hats off to Manchester. The sound

was both clear and rich. The whole performance was an unqualified success and the clever design means you are close to the orchestra." The Halle members said

that they were very happy with the acoustics of their new home, which seats 2,400 and has taken three years to build. springs it sits on, designed to eliminate noise from Metro-

link trams. With concert hall acoustics such a contentious issue, Arup Acoustics, who worked on the Bridgewater, sought to achieve a mix of the two classic

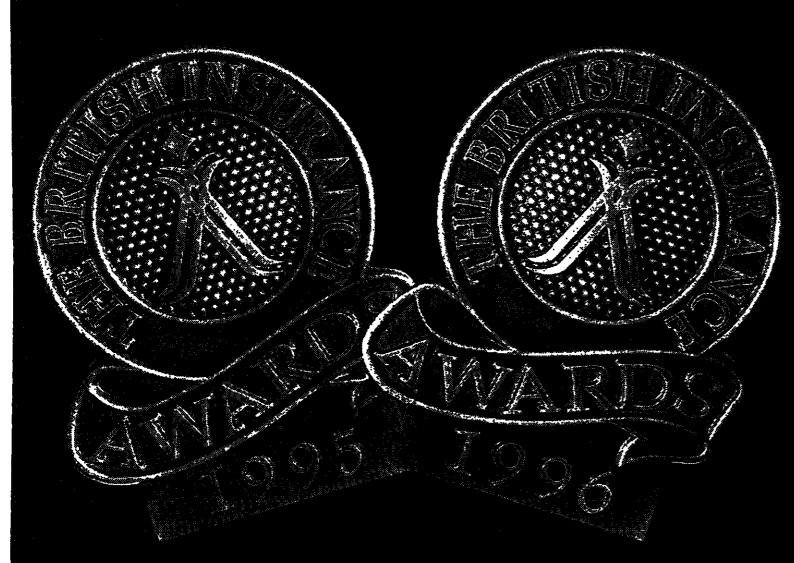
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types of auditorium, the shoebox and the vineyard. The around the sides, has a maximum capacity of about 1.500 before acoustics suffer. For larger halls, the vineyard form is considered preferable. with the audience split into separate seating areas, each with walls behind to provide

early reflections. An Arup spokesman rejected criticism that the acoustic was bass heavy. "Many halls in Britain are quite dead at acoustics are not common this country, but we are quite happy. The cello in Bridgewa-_.

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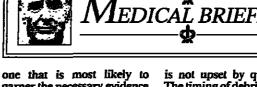
Josie Russell, the survivor of the fatal attack in Kent on her mother, sister and dog, is unusual in that tests carried out during her gentle ques-tioning by the police have demonstrated that her memory is good.

Josie's reaction to pictures

her early life clearly indicates that her long-term memory is unaffected. The police think that her recollection of the murder is also intact. The damage to Josie's brain

must have centred on the nart of the brain that deals with speech. This is very circumscribed, so that the ability to talk can be lost after brain damage but all other intellectual functions remain in working order.

The approach adopted by the police to Josie is arguably not only the best for her future medical condition but also the



tant child psychologist at the Royal Free Hospital in northst London, who is a specialist in treating children who have been physically and emotionally traumatised, said that incomplete memory of an event was always puzzling and therefore distressing to children. Debriefing in an attempt to help their recall produce immediate signs of anxiety, or the symptoms could be delayed and rather less obvious, such as poor sleen or unaccustomed dependency on those around

Constant vigilance needs to be exercised to see that a child

is not upset by questioning garner the necessary evidence against the murderer. Dr Mark Berelowitz, a consultry, it has been found that attempting to achieve an im-

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ery of those involved. Research with rescue workers showed those who had immediate, overenthusiastic debriefing after a disaster sometimes fared rather worse than those who were allowed to leave their memories buried in the subconscious for a

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Letters and tragic diary recall love of last Tsar

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

THE private world of Russia's revealed in detail for the first time yesterday, with the publication of a book drawn from their collected diaries and international royal cor-

A Lifelong Passion is likely to fuel the revival of monarchical sentiment for Nicholas 11. He is now acquiring the aura of a saint in his homeland, as it awaits the much-delayed reburial of his remains and those of his wife, Alexandra. and their family.

His last diary entry, on July 13, 1918, three days before the family's murder by Bolshevik guards, shows his concern for nis ailing son: "Alexei took his



Victoria: doted on her

first bath since Tobolsk; his knee is getting better, but he still cannot straighten it completely. The weather is warm and pleasant. We have absolutely no news from the

Almost 80 years after guards led by Yurovsky burst into the prison cellar at Yekaterinburg, the diary entries and correspondence with the other crowned heads have been brought together by the historians Andrei Maylunas and Sergei Mironenko. Much of it had been kept inaccessible under Communist rule in the Russian State Archive in Moscow, where Mironenko is the current director.

The book covers almost 40 years of a family that included Queen Victoria, Kaiser Wilhelm, George V and the Kings of Denmark and Greece. Nicholas and Alexandra wrote to each other in English, but the polyglot family also wrote in Russian, French, German and Danish.

In 1894, the year of Alexandra's marriage to the Tsar, she wrote in Nicholas's diary: "No more separations. At last united, bound for life, and when this life is ended we meet again in the other world to remain together for all eternity. Yours, yours."





Nicholas and Alexandra: he wrote that "I know all your dear letters by heart". She wrote: "When this life is ended, we meet again

on Alexandra, her granddaughter, is one of the warmest correspondents. Writing to "Nicky" from Windsor Castle on November 10, 1894, she said: "I was so deeply touched by your dear kind letter and by all your telegrams." Sympathising with the "terrible trying and harrowing scenes" and "last fearful ordeal" of the funeral of Tsar Alexander III, she adds: "I need say nothing about your

she is with you and how you will watch over her!"
Family life always came first for Nicholas. Thanking

his "own precious darling" for a book, The Iron Pirate, that she had given him, he said it was the first he had read since his engagement, "but instead I know all your (79) dear letters by heart - after that, what do I care for the rest?"

Russians have long regarded a catastrophe on the day of the coronation as an omen of

family: at least 1.300 people were crushed to death on the Khodinka fields as peasants stampeded to see the new Tsar. He went on to a ball. His uncle, Grand Duke Kons-

appear "sentimental". Another of Victoria's grandchildren, Kaiser Wilhelm II, wrote: "Dearest Nicky, God bless you and protect you and dear Alix and give you happi-ness in your new married life."

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fused to leave as this would

tions were on opposite sides in a war that cost both their

As the war went badly, the end came and Rasputin was murdered. Nicholas was still writing to "My beloved Wify" and signing off "Ever your own Huzy". The diary entries during exile in Siberia are terser, detailing the gradual loss of friends, servants, privileges and possessions. They noted what they are, how the children were faring and the

they could do. On July 11, 1918, Nicholas noted that "three workmen came up to the open window, lifted up a heavy grill and fixed it to the outside of the frame - without any warning from Yurovsky. We like this man less and less!"

Alexandra noted on July 16: Every morning the Komendant comes to our rooms, at last after a week brought eggs again for Baby. Played bezique with Nicky. 10½ to bed. 15 degrees." It was the last

NEWS IN BRIEF

Scot loses claim of racial bias

A Scottish police inspector lost his claim that racial prejudice barred him from promotion. Tom Weir, 41, told an industrial tribunal that a British Transport Police superior referred to Scots "climbing back over Hadrian's Wall" and stereotyped him with a warning not to get drunk during lunch.

Police pay up

Mark Brooks, 2l, has been awarded £4,500 at Bolton Crown Court for assault and wrongful arrest after he was savaged by a Greater Manchester Police dog then told by officers that it had bitten an Aids patient.

Brewer fined

Carlsberg-Tetley has been fined £10.000 under the Safety of Food Act after an elderly man from north London choked on a piece of broken widget. The firm said beer cans were recalled and modified after the incident in May.

Ice not so nice

Dirty ice cubes could be why some drinkers feel ill the morning after. Ice samples from 24 pubs in Neath and Port Talbot were found by health inspectors to be contaminated. Poor hygiene by bar staff was to blame.

Driver, 71, quits

Ray Evans, a 71-year-old Stagecoach bus driver from Gloucester, has resigned after colleagues threatened to strike over claims that the firm had agreed not to employ anyone over 65. It also em-

Car thief killed

A young thief was killed when he crashed a car that he had stolen from a member of a crime prevention team. Matthew Crouch, 16, of Cardiff. died instantly in an 80mph crash after being followed by

Painful reminder

A Birmingham woman and her family are terrified of entering their sitting room. where a scorpion is at large despite a four-hour search by firemen. Gwen Jamieson, 47, unwittingly carried it home

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Death was no barrier to the bureaucrats of ancient China

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

FOR the ancient Chinese, even death could not cut through red tape. Pen-pushing bureaucrats nevdied; they just continued their activities in the afterlife, scholars have discovered.

The ancient Chinese believed that all the great officials who had died were working together in the underworld. Writing implements and inventories buried in tombs of the late 5th to 2nd centuries BC provided all the stationery and manuals a bureaucrat might need.

Some of those inventories and implements, including examples These findings illustrate the exfrom 167 BC, will be featured in the British Museum's exhibition, The Mysteries of Ancient China, which opens today. The show has been made possible with sponsorship

composed of bureaucrats is wonderful." said Jessica Rawson, Warden of Merton College, Oxford, the show's academic adviser and one of the leading scholars of Oriental art.

tent of the ancient Chinese belief in the afterlife. The purpose of tombinventories had previously been undervalued, although the ancient Chinese had always used written

Until now, Dr Rawson explained,

scholars had seen them as "more old texts that had survived. They hadn't asked themselves why they were there. The archaeologists looked at the brushes and ink, and the classical scholars looked at the text. It is only if you put them together that you realise their significance." Among those in-

volved in this study has been Donald Harper, a textual scholar at the University of Arizona, who pointed to a vital piece of evidence in a 3rd-century tomb in northwestern China. An account on bamboo slips describes how an unfinished legal case initiated in the world of the living in 297 BC was passed on to known to have lived in the 480s BC.

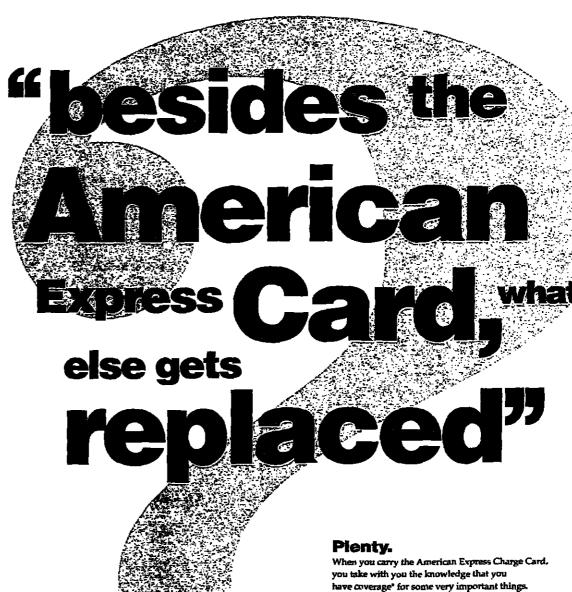
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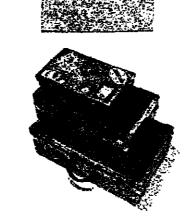
nial etiquette, an account to the inspector at the underworld gate and a summary of law cases to guide the judging of other cases. The exhibits are among 200 spectacular treasures in bronze and gold that are being displayed at the British Museum

until January 5, 1997.

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Euro-sceptic Tory rebels form party within a party

By JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Tory Euro-sceptic MPs who became known as the "Whipless Eight" after being cast out of the party for dissent over Europe are to organise themselves into a formal cam-

They will be called Conservatives Against a Federal Europe, Cafe for short, and will launch the organisation at the Tory party conference in Bournemouth next month. In effect the group will

POLITICAL EDITOR

SENIOR Tory MPs have

launched a fresh campaign to

pressurise the Cabinet into

ruling out a single currency for the lifetime of the next

Tory parliamentary candi-

dates will be asked if they will

pledge themselves against

scrapping the pound in a

survey conducted by Sir

George Gardiner, former

Parliament.

faces the prospect of an upsurge in Euro-sceptic dissent at the conference. Several Euro-sceptic groups are plan-ning to hold fringe meetings attacking the Government's European policy.

Although the MPs - Sir Teddy Taylor, Teresa Gorman, Sir Richard Body, Tony Marlow, Richard Shep-herd, John Wilkinson, Chris-

chairman of the right-wing 92 Group, and John Townend.

chairman of the Tory finance

committee and a member of

the 1922 Committee executive.

move as another attempt to

upset the carefully crafted Cabinet compromise under

which the Tory manifesto will

leave open the possibility of

joining a single currency, but

day: "It would give us an

But Sir George said yester-

only after a referendum.

John Major will see the

providing fresh discomfort for John Major, who already occasionally put out joint occasionally put out joint statements, they have never formally united in a group.

The MPs, most of whom lost the whip in November 1994 after voting against the Government's plans to increase Britain's contributions to the EU budget, rejoined the party in April last year. They also include Sir Richard, who resigned the whip voluntarily, but Michael Carttiss, one of the original eight rebels, has

Rightwingers defend the pound were clear that a majority of Tory candidates opposed join-

party, it is already fanciful to

Given feeling in the

imagine a Tory Cabinet agreeing to scrap the pound. If a majority of Tory candidates were against, it would be utterly inconceivable." Individual replies will be confidential but the overall results will be published, pos-

sibly around the time of next month's party conference.

recently distanced himself from the group.

They have come under increasing pressure from supporters both in Parliament and the constituencies to form a group that can provide a focus for their anti-European campaign. Euro-sceptics from inside and outside the party will be able to join the group. which will campaign for a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU.

The new group also marks an attempt by the MPs to distance themselves from other Euro-sceptics in the party, especially John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister and party leadership challenger. Cafe will give a much higher profile to the eight MPs, who have been overshadowed over the past year as the Tory party has shifted to the right. As one of the MPs said: "We are all Euro-sceptic these days." The eight MPs were yester-

day uncharacteristically reti-

cent and would not talk on the want a federal Europe. I think record about the group until therefore that there is a need that those who are of this their plans are completed at a persuasion should organise meeting on Monday. However, one said: "If one together to make sure that

goes to Conservative Associathose at the top of the Consertions to speak, there is no vative Party and in Cabinet

doubt that there is a unani-

mous feeling that we don't

Another MP said: "We have had so many approaches from party members and the pub-lic. The feeling was that we

understand Conservative the group was necessary to counter the overoptimistic asgrassroots opinion and

Tory Right that Euro-scepticism was winning the intellectual argument over Europe.

of organisation." He said that sessment by other parts of the "We really feel that the new

should try to have some form Euro-sceptic Right are giving the wrong impression that out a referendum," he said. ment and the Conservative Government can do something about it, but they are



Cafe society: seven of the eight MPs, front, Sir Richard Body, Teresa Gorman, Nicholas Budgen and Christopher Gill; middle, Sir Teddy Taylor, Michael Carttiss (who has not joined) and Richard Shephard: back, Tony Marlow

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Breakaway Labour group to take over Hackney council

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR rebels are preparing to seize control of Hackney council in east London after being expelled from the party for forming their own group. The 17 rebels had their first success yesterday when a special meeting rejected an official group resolution and accepted their motion calling for an independent inquiry into alleged sex abuse by Mark Trotter, a childcare officer who died last year from an Aids-related disease. There

members did a U-turn and backed the main motion. At a meeting next Thursday the rebels, with Liberal Democrat and Tory support, are to vote through changes to the council's standing orders that will enable them to oust the leader, John MacCafferty,

were cheers and shouts of "climbdown" from the new

group when the old Labour

who has the backing of Labour's national executive. The breakaway group, Hackney New Labour, also intends to prevent officially approved Labour councillors being chosen to chair committees. It will vote instead for its own group or members of the other two parties. A vote to change the council's leader will follow next month. Merel Ece, the former depu-

are no longer prepared to be pushed round by Walworth Road. Since expelling us from the party on Wednesday, Labour party officials have been going behind the scenes threatening us and ordering us to resign from council committees. They have no right to do that, especially as we are no longer members of their party.

ty leader, said last night: "We

"They are trying to take away our legal rights as elected councillors. It is totally undemocratic and the result of the mess they have got themselves into by interfering in the affairs of Hackney.

The council's chief executive. Tony Elliston. is now independent inquiry into Mark Trotter and his activities in Hackney, including all aspects of his recruitment.

Trotter was a Labour Party activist in Hackney and an agent for the Wick ward at the 1983 general election and council elections. When he died he was on the point of being arrested for questioning by Merseyside police about five cases of child abuse in Liverpool, where he worked in the early Eighnes.

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Scientologists win approval for first TV adverts

By Carol Midgley

THE Church of Scientology is to begin a televison advertising campaign in this country next week for the first time after winning approval for a commercial to be shown on British television.

Uisdean Maclean, director of the Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre, confirmed that the commercial had been approved in July. In April the Independent Television Commission lifted a ban on the advertising by the group. The move has been criticised by people who monitor the activities of such groups.

The 60-second advertisement, produced at the group's studios in America at a cost of £70,000, features people from different cultures saying the word "trust". It ends: "On the day we can fully trust each other there will be peace on Earth, and features a telephone number for further

for a month on the satellite channels UK Gold and UK Living and, if successful, could move to TTV and Channel 4. Religious groups are prohibit-ed by the commission from advertising if their meetings are not open to the public; the group had successfully argued that this was not the case.

The Cult Information

Centre expressed deep concern about the advertising campaign. Ian Howarth, the general secretary, said: "I am very concerned for the welfare of anybody who might finish up being interested in going to a Scientology meeting after seeing these advertisements. It is a group about which we are deeply concerned, and always have been, and it is most unfortunate that they have been allowed to go on television. I think the ITC has been most unwise and rather naive in its decision."

The advertisement had to be The advertisement will run approved by the Broadcast

Advertising Clearance Centre before being screened. The commission would take action only if a complaint was made after broadcast. In April the commission said it had decided to lift the ban after considering new evidence from an academic source submitted by the Church of Scientology over whether the group held meetings open to the public. At the time, the group said it was pleased that a "discriminatory" ban had been lifted.

Rachael Ryerson, spokes-

woman for the Church of Scientology, which denies allegations that it operates as a cult, said yesterday: "It is more of a message than an adventisement. It will get across the values that we stand for and enable people to find out more about us. It is an opportunity to get the message out and let people know we exist. If people don't agree with what we do then there is nothing to get upset about."



Doris Pearson in her Vauxhall Princeton tourer yesterday: worth £60,000 to a collector, but she refuses to sell

Wartime bride keeps her classic act alive

By TIM JONES

DORIS PEARSON is still using the green open-top tour-er she first drove more than 50 years ago. Although she has been offered £60,000, she is adamant she will never sell The Vauxhall Princeton tourer was already 16 years old when, as a wartime bride, Mrs Pearson was first driven in it by her husband. It has been in the family for 69 years. Her husband, William, a marine engineer who died in 1963, paid £495 for it new in

1927, when the average week-ly wage for a labourer was £3. Yesterday, Mrs Pearson, 87, of Delamere, near Northwich, Cheshire, said: "I love my tourer and could not bear to be without it. It has fond memories. It is known as the Pearson Vauxhall and is still in its original condition."
The 2.3 litre car, with can-

vas hood and bulb horn, has covered only 62,900 miles and has never needed a major repair. Mrs Pearson drives another car every day and takes the tourer out only

Cult draws praise and damnation

By RUTH GLEDHILL AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE Church of Scientology has 100,000 members in Britain who often visit its headquarters at East Grinstead, West Sussex. Founded in 1954 by the American science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, it has eight million members around the world.

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Hubbard, who died in 1986. claimed to have discovered "Dianetics", promoted as a modern science of mental health. He left more than 500,000 pages of writings and nearly 3,000 tape-recorded lec-

To his followers, Hubbard was a great writer, artist, philosopher and scientist. Others claimed he was a charlatan, a

In the past, the group has been accused of high-pressure sales techniques and imposing a strict discipline held responsible by the group's detractors for mental breakdowns and suicides. Worried parents attempting to extract their children from membership have used anti-cult groups and kidnappers against the group. The group has also been criticised for the cost of courses that adherents follow.

However, the group, which is particularly concerned to help drug addicts, alcoholics and those with family difficulties, claims it has been a victim of campaigns here and in America. In recent years, with the adherence of some celebri-

ties, its image has improved. Scientology, which is recognised as a religion in Britain. claims to bring about spiritual improvement through Dianetics. It is argued that man can develop his full potential only by clearing himself of his "reactive" mind, the early painful experiences that cloud his judgment. To the outsider, some of Scientology's concepts seem to have more in common with Hubbard's world of science fiction than with science.

In 1968, Scientologists were banned from coming to Britain after it was claimed that the group posed " a serious danger to health". An inquiry ban be lifted, but this was not done until 1979.



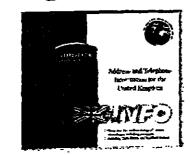
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Girls outperform boys at A level for the first time

By John O'Leary, education editor

GIRLS in independent schools have broken one of the last educational barriers by overtaking boys at A level.

Previously the examination battle of the sexes has been won by girls at GCSE, with boys turning the tables at A level. But the first gender analysis of the independent sector's results, published yesterday, shows that male dominance in the sixth form has evaporated.

Although boys scored marginally more points than girls this year on the university entrance scale, this was only because they took more A levels. Judged on the average grade for each paper, the girls scored 6.97 (midway between a B and a C) and the boys 6.83.

At GCSE, the gap was much wider, with 47 per cent of girls: entries awarded A or starred-A grades, compared with 40 per cent of boys. The girls' lead reflects that in recent national

Margaret Rudland, the president of the Girls' Schools Association, said that girls' Alevel results had been improving for some time. "It is hard to know why this is happening now, but girls obviously feel that all opportunities are open to them and they have to work pretty hard to get the best university places. That applies to both sexes."

Professor Alan Smithers, the head of policy research at Brunel University, who carried out a study of independent school results last year, said that the results showed girls were continuing to improve at A level, although boys still secured the lion's share of

'As at degree level, boys tend to appear at the top and the bottom of the scale, while girls dominate the middle

Heads back Lib Dems

The Liberal Democrats beat both the main parties in a poll of head teachers published today in The Times Educational Supplement. The survey of more than 1,200 schools shows that 61 per cent of heads think the Liberal Democrats have the best education policies. Only 30 per cent favour Labour and 8 per cent the Tories, Almost 90 per cent back the Liberal Democrat policy to raise taxes specifically for education. However, 80 per cent back the Government's idea of a national

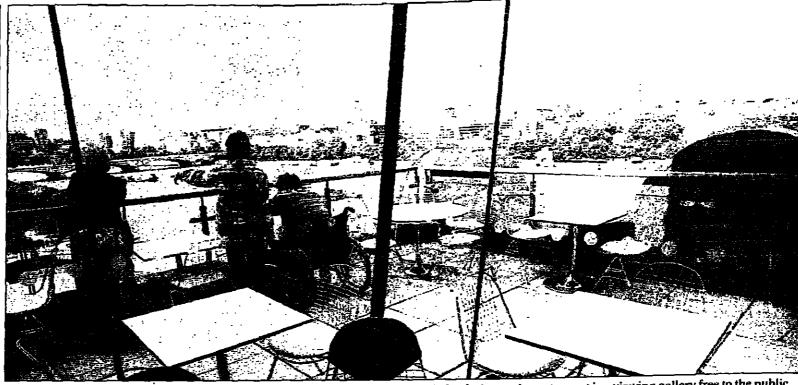
grades," Professor Smithers

He added that this year's results, published by the Independent Schools Information Service, confirmed the findings of his own study, which showed that pupils of high ability would flourish whether in mixed or single-sex schools. Girls in many of the top mixed schools outperformed the boys both at GCSE and A level.

Separate listings for boys and girls would have altered the placings in last month's examination league tables. Westminster School's girls would have overtaken St Paul's School, in west London. to top the A-level table.

Recent examination results for all pupils in state and independent schools and colleges have shown girls closing the gap at A level. This summer's results will not be broken down by gender until the new year.

A study by Ofsted, the school inspection agency, showed that girls schools achieved better examination results than mixed schools in the state sector, but the results were skewed by the high proportion of single-sex gram-



The view across the Thames from the restaurant at the refurbished Oxo Tower Wharf. Next to the restaurant is a viewing gallery free to the public

£20m Oxo Tower reopens

By ROBIN YOUNG

LONDON gained a superb new vantage point overlooking the Thames yesterday with the opening of the Oxo Tower Wharf after a £20 milion refurbishment

The former Stamford Wharf has been renamed in honour of the Oxo Tower, a London landmark at Blackfriars familiar since 1930, when its art-deco windows spelling the name Oxo was designed as a way of getting around London County Council's restrictions on advertising. Though denied

listed building status in 1993. the tower has been carefully preserved in every detail and its stonework cleaned and to pristine A viewing gallery is open to

the public on the eighth floor. with access between the pricey restaurant and slightly less expensive brasserie run by Harvey Nichols, which also opened to the public for the first time vesterday. Maria Dummett, a pen-

sioner, had made the trip from Wimbledon when she heard on the radio that the day. I remember the Oxo Tower from years ago," she said, "I think what they have done is wonderful."

What they have done in fact is a housing project conceived by Coin Street Community Builders, a coalition of community groups which fought from 1974 to prevent the area from being used for offices

The coalition was sold the site as a parting gesture by the Greater London Council. The lower storeys of Oxo Tower Wharf are given over to

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Why pre-packed food costs more

By Robin Young

SUPERMARKETS charge up to three times as much for prepacked fruit and vegetables as for similar goods sold loose. For example, loose tomatoes at Safeway were 54p a pound, but £1.53 when pre-packed. At Tesco, carrots were 19p a pound sold loose, but 53p wrapped; in Sainsbury's. Golden Delicious apples were 49p a pound loose and 76p

The supermarkets claim pre-packs which often offer protection against damaging and contamination from other customers' handling. In some shops price comparisons are complicated because prepacks are priced by the metric system while loose goods are

still sold by the pound. Announced promotions include: Asda: diced turkey thigh £2.40 kg, beef topside/silverside £5.57 for 3.94 kg, pork steaks/joints/ escalopes £4.99 for 4.38 kg. Golden

Delicious apples 33p a lh. Budgens: chicken drumsticks £2.26 for 1.1kg, whole trout £4.82 a kg, peeled prawns £2.49 for 200g, skinless haddock cutlets £5.17 a kg. red dessert apples 39p a lb. line green beans 99p for 227g.

Co-op: premium sausages £1.69 for 800g, smoked streaky bacon £1.09 for 227g, whole duckling £4.99 for 1.8kg, whole chicken £5.49 for 2.4kg, frozen garden peas £1.40 for 2.4kg. frozen garden peas El.49 for l.8kg. Thomson seedless grapes 69p a lb, extra light soft cheese 44p for 200g.

Harrods: Galloni 18-month Parma ham £4.99 for 100g, polenta with sun-dried tomatoes/basil £2.79 each. smoked salmon pillows

WEEKEND SHOPPING £2.95 for 100g, kippers £8.49 a box. Iceland: chicken £3.99 for 3kg, skinless chicken breast fillet £4.99 for 700g, breaded haddock steaks \$1,99 for six, whole beans 99p for 907g. strawberry gateau £1.19 for ten portions.

Marks & Spencer: muesti £2.29 a kg, chicken and mushroom pasties 99p for two (330g), crispy aromatic duck £5.99 for 580g, large cauli-El.49 a kg.

Morrisons: topside/silverside £1.99 a lb. rump/sirloin steak £3.99 alb, minced beef 99p alb, cod filler El.99 a lb. swede I5p a lb. savoy cabbage 29p each, seedless green grapes 69p a lb.

Safeway: topside/silverside/top rump E4.99 a kg. chicken Kiev E3.19 for four (568g), cooked leg of pork 89p a 4 lb. corn on the cob 25p each, Royal Gala apples 49p a lb Rocha pears 49p a lb. wholemeal bread 49p for 800g.

Sainsbury's: 12 a kg off all fresh beef steaks, boneless pork leg £3.49 a kg, chicken breasts £3.95 for four. smoked haddock £5.95 a kg. spin ach 75p for 300g, oranges El 29 for eight, tomatoes 69p for eight, French blue Brie £7.97 a kg. Somerfield: boneless spare rib chops E4.16 a kg. lean mince E1 95 a lb. meat loaf in gravy El.45 a lb. parsnips 49p a lb. English plums

69p a lb. Tesco: boneless rolled shoulder pork £2.52 a kg, minced beef 96p a ib, lamb half shoulder £2.89 a kg, cod fillet £1.95 a lb, Sconish herring 85p a lb, Cornish dairy ice cream £1.44 for 2ltr. 12 mini

croissants 89p.
Waitrose: stuffed turkey thigh £3.59 for 800g, farmhouse chicken £2.65 for 1.8kg. large potatoes £3.49 for 5kg. Victoria plums 55p a lb.

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Women find their true, tough selves

REPORTS BY NIGEL HAWKES AND NICK NUTTALL

WOMEN are not the demure, non-viplent creatures that men idealis. Although more inclined to verbal than physical violenje, women can be just as aggrestive as men.

Thisverdict on her own sex was ddivered by Anne Campbell of Durham University at the British Association meeting yesterday. The true nature of wonen long hidden by male emerated myths, was finally beginning to express itself, the said,

Referring to the religious icon, rither than the pop idol, she exclained: The Madonna idealistion of the female as devoid of competition or aggressiq has forced women to deny deir own nature." But that was beginning to change.



Cambell: she attacked

Recently the incidence of physical violence by girls appeared to be rising, she said. Crime statistics showed that 17 per cent of those arrested for violent behaviour were girls, compared with 10 per cent a

The peak age for violence among girls was between 15 and 19, rather younger than men, because of their earlier sexual maturity, she said. The press had described them as "yobettes", propagating the notion that they were attempt-ing to emulate the behaviour young men under the influence of Hollywood films which presented women in

gressive roles. Female violence was often seen by men as evidence of osychiatric disorder, she said. Although women constituted only 4 per cent of the prison population, they represented 20 per cent of those sent to psychiatric institutions and special units. Men were unable to handle female violence and labelled it madness.

The same was shown by the frequency with which women charged with murdering their husbands defended themselves by claiming diminished responsibility rather than provocation or self-defence, Dr Campbell said. "It seems that if women's violence cannot be comprehended within a to deal with our disputes



Not like the Virgin: women are turning from the Madonna's passivity to her pop namesake's assertiveness

male institutional framework, then it cannot be understood at all - and thus constitutes evidence of insanity."

Women should congratulate themselves on controlling violence as well as they did. "While often accused of being sneaky or bitchy, we manage

indirectly, often with far less changes, she admitted. "There injury," she said. "If it's a choice between going to casualty having your jaw rewired or somebody saying some-thing nasty behind your back. I know which I would prefer." The growth of overt violence among young girls could owe something to cultural

may be cultural influences at work such as the aggressive portrayal of females in film and rap music and the emphasis in 'girlie' programmes on television. But we mustn't forget that 90 per cent of violence comes from men."

likely to be against their children or elderly relatives.
There was no evidence of more attacks by women on their partners. Men tended to deny that violence by women was "congenial to the continuance of male protection and control

the ocean floor. Dr Martin Sinha, of Cambridge University, told the British Associ-ation that pools of liquid rock were an unexpected discovery in an ocean where new crust was being made so slowly. The Mid-Atlantic Ridge has

mountains rising two miles high on either side of a valley 25 miles wide. It is where two of the plates that make up the Earth's crust are being created and separating, spreading outwards at about the same rate as a fingernail grows.

BRITISH scientists have found a lake of molten rock

beneath the floor of the Atlan-

tic Ocean. The magma chamber, 300 miles southwest of

lceland, lies like a ribbon along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge

and acts as a reservoir from

miles across and 1,200ft deep,

the lake lies two miles below

Up to 25 miles long, three

which new rock is created.

The secrets of this extraordinary place, possibly the most geologically active region on Earth, have been unveiled under the British Mid-Ocean Ridge Initiative (Bridge) supported by the Natural Environment Research Council.

The magma chamber, discovered by seismic and electromagnetic surveying, conains sufficient molten rock to generate new crust for 11.000 years. Dr Sinha believes that the magma chambers may form new crust and then go into dormancy for 100,000 years. Meanwhile, other chanbers will have formed

along the ridge. The Bridge project has also thrown light on the strange

under the ocean ridge, fed by toxic solutions of salts bubbling up from hot springs known as thermal vents. The project has shown that there may be as many as a few hundred such vents along the ridge, emerging and disap-

pearing all the time. The vents are home to blind shrimps that teem in millions around them, in stark contrast to the desert-like conditions on the rest of the ocean floor. By towing nets at great depths from the research vessel Dar-win. Dr David Dixon of Plymouth Marine Laboratory has caught shrimp larvae and found that, unlike the adults, they can see. His belief is that the larvae are able to swim off and seek new vents when the one they have been living around ceases to operate.

Even more extraordinary are the giant tubeworms, a metre long and consisting of little more than a bag full of bacteria which live on the chemicals from ocean sediments. In the Pacific they have been found around vents, but not so far in the Atlantic.

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But a few years ago, Dr Dixon said, there was a great surprise when some of these worms were discovered living in the hold of a French cargo vessel, the Francois Vieleux, which sank 20 years ago in 1,500 metres of water 30 miles off Vigo in Spain.

Because the tubeworms feed on sulphides or hydrocarbons, their presence could be used by oil companies searching for places to drill. Where the tubeworms are, there are likely to be "seeps" of oil from which they suck up nutrients

Pace of change is blamed Call for higher drink prices for loss of butterfly species and shorter opening hours

ABOUTa quarter of Britain's Downs in Sussex, where graz-loss of "genetic diversity" had butterflies are "addicted" to ing once kept the grass under already begun. Dr Mallet butterflis are "addicted" to man-male habitats which are fast disppearing from the countrysile, British research-

James Mallet, of University College london, said that up cies, including the silver-spotted skipper and the silverstudded blue, had become genetically adapted to habitats such as coppiced woodland and grazd chalk grasslands. Such ancient farming methods, dating back 5,000 years, had disappeared within a

matter of decades. The rate of change had been too quick for the insects to adapi. Dr Mallet said: "Of the 50 species of British butterflies, between 10 and 15 are nov known to be addicted to human-created habitats. This is ill right if you maintain thee landscapes."

h areas such as the South

an inch high, sheep farming has declined because it is no longer economic. Grass on the Downs stands around 4in high and many colonies of silver-spotted skippers have onies are so small that they are at risk of inbreeding.

Tests on downland colonies of the species showed that a



The silver-spotted skipper is declining

said. If the genetic pool of such rare species became even more reduced, they were at risk of producing smaller offspring less able to survive.

Dr Mallet said that he had among the remaining pockets of silver-studded blues in North Wales. Many rare fritillaries, such as the high-brown fritillary, were declining because of the loss of coppleed

woodland with clearings. The damage contrasts sharply with commoner species whose fortunes are more linked to weather than habitat. Many have been increasing in numbers after mild

winters and dry years. But Dr Mallet said that this could not offset the loss of rare species: "I grew up running around chalk downlands chasing butterflies. I would like them to be there still."

DRINKING has no safe level there is no further benefit," he son's argument flew in the and should be curbed by limited opening hours and higher prices, a World Health Organisation expert claimed

Peter Anderson of the organimmediately contradicted by Peter Mitchell, strategic affairs director of Guinness, who said that more than 100 studies around the world had shown clear health benefits from moderate drinking.

Dr Anderson said that the effects of drinking were diffuse and costly and were not confined to a minority of easily identified heavy drinkers. He accepted that alcohol had some benefit in reducing the risk of heart attacks, but this was limited to men over 50 and the benefit could be obtained by as little as one drink every other day.

said. In populations where heart disease was not a major cause of death, even this benefit counted for little.

Dr Anderson called for In a debate on alcohol, Dr tougher legislation. Education on its own did not work, promotion for alcoholic drinks. It needed to be backed by the enforcement of minimum drinking ages and drink-driving curbs, including random breath testing; limits on drinking hours; and higher prices.

Concentrating on problem drinkers would not be enough. The evidence was that the drinking population "behaved as a collectivity" so it was necessary to try to shift the whole population towards lower levels to have any influence on the extreme. In the debate organised by

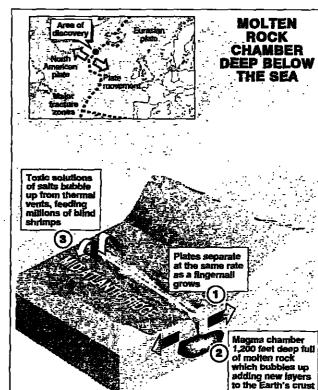
the Ciba Foundation, Mr.

Mitchell said that Dr Ander-

was a minority view. The evidence was that three to three and a half drinks a day protected against heart attacks. "Of course misuse of alcohol exists, as it always of the population drinks sen-sibly and Britain is not a heavy drinking country, ranking only fourteenth among developed nations." On average, Britons drank

40 per cent less than their great-grandparents. Department of Health recommendations showed that benefits spread much more widely than middle-aged men. Data from America and Sweden indicated that drinking protected much younger men.

"Education does work," be said, "as we can see from the significant reduction deaths from alcohol-related road accidents."



Low-fat diet 'could make you suicidal'

By JEREMY LAURANCE

A DW-FAT diet may drive people to suicide, scientists clain today. Reducing cholesterd which is recommended to pevent heart disease, may increase the risk of depression. according to two studies published in the British Medical Journal.

The studies are the latest in a seies that have appeared over the past two years suggesting that low cholesterol level may be good for the hear but bad for the psyche. Howiver, other experts writing it the same issue of the journal say that the latter suggetion is unproven.

In he first study, more than 6,000men in their forties and early fifties had their cholesterol measured and were followed for 17 years. It was found that 32 had committed suicid. The risk of suicide for those with low cholesterol was han three times that of others after taking account of other differences, according to researchers at the National Insurae of Health and Medical risearch in Paris. An accompanying editorial by S Lori Brown, senior scientist at the Centre for Devices and Radiological Health in the United States, says that those who committed suicide may have been iller to begin with. "Men who are ill may be depressed and this may have influenced their appetite and hence cholesterol levels."

In a second study, by re-searchers from Vienna, 20 pregnant women had their cholesterol measured before and after birth, because of the known sudden fall in the levels after delivery. The results showed that those with the sharpest fall in cholesterol were most depressed.

A second commentary, by Malcolm Law, of the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine in London, says that 13 trials of cholesterol-lowering drugs had shown no increase in depression among those taking them. The debate about a possible link between cholesterol and suicide had been overwhelmed by "irrelevant"

Professor warns mothers against water-birth 'fad'

"Beyond one drink a day

By Shirley English

PREGNANT women who chose a water birth were engaging in an unnatural practice that may put their child at risk, a professor of obstetrics said. It was a "fad that would hopefully die out in five years", said James Walker of St James's University Hos-pital, Leeds, who denied

claims that it was natural. The practice had no anthropological or historical parallel. he said. Only three mammals delivered underwater - the dolphin, the whale and the giant hippopotamus - but no primates and no primitive people had ever used the water birth method.

Professor Walker, speaking at a fringe meeting at the European Congress of Perina-tal Medicine in Glasgow, said doctors still did not know the overall risks or specific prob-lems that water births could pose. He felt that mothers needed to be made fully aware of the potential risks to their unborn children. His arguments were chal-

lenged by Konrad Selke, an obstetrician and neonatologist at Binzenz Pollotti hospital in Bensberg. Germany. He claimed that water birth was "as safe as any other birth" and dramatically reduced the need for pain killers during labour. But Professor Walker said:

"Unlike other methods of natural childbirth, including birthing stool, squatting and delivery on all fours, there is no anthropological or historical data to support water births, I am concerned that water birth is being presented there is no data to prove this."

to women without any evidence to support it. They are told it is safe and natural and There have been about 20,000 water births worldwide. A small number of babies are known to have died from drowning. Other risks include deprivation of oxygen. infection for baby and staff from contact with water containing blood and faeces, and the difficulties in getting the mother out of the birthing pool if there were complications. "Babies are not dolphins,"

Professor Walker said. People argue that it is a wondrous experience, but all births are wondrous. It could be safe if it all went well, but there are no benefits to the baby. It is an eternal gratification thing. We don't know whether it is safe."

Dr Selke, who works at a renowned centre for water births in Germany, said many arguments against water births were based on ignorance. Of the 2,000 water births which had taken place at the centre since 1982, no

baby had died. He claimed that babies had an instinctive "diving reflex" which lasted until they were about four months old. As soon as water touched the skin around the mouth and nose. they held their breath.

The 500-strong audience voted by a majority against water births until further research was carried out.

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Rise in gambling addicts 'may fuel crime'

HOME CORRESPONDENT

MORL than 15 million Britons could le addicted to gambling, with it causing serious problems for almost tall a million, according to a government report published yes-

Its authors warned Home Office ministes that plans to relax gaming regulations would fuel a rise in crime by people desperate to fund their

should be accompanied by measures to treat addiction. "Research in several countries shows that an increase in the availability of legalised gambling services is inevitably associated with an increase in the preva-lence of problem gambling," the report said. "Studies from a variety of countries also show that the increased accessibility of gambling has led to an in crime, including organised crime within casinos and crime resorted to by problem gam-blers to fund their habit."

Gamblers' Anonymous sessions in Britain and America were committing crimes at a high level. Fraud, embezzlement, forgery and theft were particularly associated with crime linked to gambling.

The Government is proposing to allow easines to be set up in 13 towns and to relax the ban on advertising. But the report says that any move to allow casinos to operate outside areas with large populations should be approached with caution. It said that evidence from America showed that

gambling as a result of allowing casinos into their locality.

It also said that young men were particularly vulnerable to becoming addicted to gambling. Problem gambling was three times more prevalent among males than females and pathological gambling five times

more prevalent. A spokesman for Gamblers' Anony mous said: "The figures in this report must be about right because we

Germany turns heat on rich tax-evaders as austerity plan suffers blow

By Roger Boyes

GERMANY'S upper house of parliament yesterday threw out key parts of the Government's austerity package, but Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, said he was confident that he would be able to override

The Bundesrat, dominated by the opposition Social Democrats. objected to plans to cut sick pay and reduce worker protection from dismissal, as well as to other pension and health-system re-

forms. "The country needs social reform, not a dismantling of society and a scrapping of workers' rights," Oskar Lafontaine, the Social Democrat leader, told the chamber. "Not a single new job would be created by the changes."

The parliamentary arithmetic, however, favours the Government. If it secures a "Chancelior major-- amounting to 50 per cent of the deputies_plus one - it can overturn a Bundesrat veto. The upper chamber represents the 16 provincial states and is a less powerful body than Bundestag, the lower house.

The savings package is being debated in parallel to the 1997 budget. Together they form part of a German strategy to cut welfare spending by about £20 billion and generate hundreds of thousands of new jobs. Opinion polls, critical comments from the churches and mass trade union demonstrations suggest that the mood of the country may well be swinging behind the Social Democrats rath-

Partly to counter this trend, the Government has launched a crackdown on celebrity tax-dodgers. This is supposed to show that the Government wants to balance its calls for tighter belts and public sacrifice with a get-tough policy on

The latest victim is Willi Weber, manager of the Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher, and the supermodel Claudia Schiffer, who has been fined £100,000 for not declaring the profits from the sale of a Ferrari six

years ago. The most prominent victim is Peter Graf, father of Steffi Graf, the top woman tennis player. He has been in jail for 13 months under investigative arrest for tax evasion. The trial of both he and his financial adviser, Joachim Eckardt, began last week, and although £8 million of outstanding taxes has been deposited by Steffi

Graf, they remain in prison. The loudest victim is Margarethe Schreinemachers, a television talkshow hostess. She lives in and commutes from Belgium to reduce her German income-tax liability. The television star claims her problems began when she interviewed the first wife of Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister. Their marriage was in trouble. Herr Waigel was in love with Irene Epple a ski star and Frau Schreinemachers gave the crisis unwelcome publicity. Herr Waigel, now married to the ski star, says

there is nothing personal involved. The tax authorities say they are investigating 17,000 cases. Taxmen have raided leading banks and

have accused bankers of helping clients to transfer sums abroad our of reach of the Inland Revenue. Germany's rich and famous have been discovering the charms of Austria: Franz Beckenbauer, the football manager. Anne-sophie Mutter, the violinist, and 400 other German millionaires have bought

houses in the Tyrol. Naturaly they pay tax there, but they avoid Germany's top rate of 53 pr cent and the additional "solidariy tax" which raises revenue to rebuild



Bossi mobilising his independence 'army'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

IN THE somnolent towns and villages along the Po. stirring slogans have appeared on the walls of cases where the men play cards while the broad river flows past the poplar

"Wake up: Bossi is coming." says one. "Long live Padania." says another. "Well," said one bar owner, "at least it will be a show. We are fed up with being ignored by Rome."

The Northern League's "Independence march along the Po from Turin to Venice, which begins this evening, involves a flotilla of boats, hotair balloons, fireworks and free spaghetti alle vongole as well as rallies and the blocking of Po bridges by coaches. Umberto Bossi, the gravelly-voiced demagogic leader of the League, will fill a phial with the "holy" water from the source of the Po, at Pian del Re in the mountains near Turin. and travel by helicopter and catamaran to Venice, where he will declare the independence" of northern Italy on

Opinion polls suggest that many Italians see this as

gained 30 per cent of the vote in its northern strongholds in the April general election, but has since fared badly in local elections, even in Mantua, the site of the "Parliament of the North". The League's plans for Padania identity cards. stamps and a separate currency are mocked as fantastical. Even the boundaries of the "republic" are

His message appeals to regional pride and many resent rule from Rome. Critics say "Padania" exists only in Signor Bossi's mind. It is not a cohesive unit but a patchwork of former dukedoms and principalities that fused with the

rest of Italy in 1870. Only a fraction of the 3.7 million Italians who voted for the League want secession, but

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vague. Strictly speaking, Padania means the Po valley, where the 400-mile river runs through or past some of the most picturesque and ancient towns in Piedmont and Lonibardy. The League, however, defines "Padania" as stretching from the Austrian border in the north to Umbria, 60 miles from Rome.

Signor Bossi hopes a million and a half people will turn out, forming a human chain, and most want greater autonomy. They believe that the North. with 31 million inhabitants and Italy's powerhouse industries, is "dragged down" by the shiftless, crime-ridden and inefficient South. Thanks to a competitive lira and an export boom, the economy of northern Italy has grown by 6 per cent in the past four years.

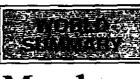
Unemployment in the South

compared to 1.5 per cent in the

per cent in the North. Signor Bossi wants to introduce a "northern" lira and has applied to join the single ropean currency.

There is alarm that Signor Bossi has been allowed to get this far. His 10,000 party stewards wear green shirts, and some are reported to have stockpiled weapons. They are compared to Mussolini's Black Shirts. The magazine Panorama last week carried a front-page picture of a Green Shirt wearing a Padania Liberation Committee armband. "Bossi has a private militia." the headline said. "Is anyone going to do anything about it?"

Walter Veltroni, the former communist Deputy Prime Minister, said Signor Bossi had hoped for a hung parliament in which he could hold the balance of power, and had turned to extremism out of desperation after the Left's convincing win in April. "But desperation can conjure up a monster which will be difficult to control." Signor Veltroni said this week. That has happened before in European history - with tragic



Man loses rights on embryos

Jerusalem: An Israeli woman yesterday won the legal right to go against the wishes of her their frozen embryos implanted in a surrogate mother (Ross

Dunn writes).

A panel of II judges voted seven to four in favour of Ruti Nahmani, saying: "A woman's right to be a parent is stronger than a man's right not to be a father." The judges overturned a ruling by a lower court that Danny Nahmani could not be forced to become a father. His lawyer called the latest decision "a big slap to a man's most intimate parts".

Mrs Nahmani. who had a hysterectomy in 1987, said that she would now look around in earnest for a surrogate

Serengeti gang shoot at tourists

Nairobi: Bandits opened fire on mini-buses carrying 25 Italian and American tourists in the Serengeti game park in Tanzania, before robbing them of cash and valuables, embassy officials said. Two women were airlifted to hospital in neighbouring Kenya with fractures caused by bullets. "It was a very nasty incident," a US embassy offi-cial said. "People were clubbed with rifle-butts." The attack came shortly before dusk on Sunday. (Reuter)

Militia seizes



The Islamic extremist militia. Taleban, which controls half of Afghanistan, consolidated its capture of the crucial eastern city of Jalalabad (Christopher Thomas writes). The city's fall is a disaster for the Government in Kabul, the nominal capital of a country divided into many fieldoms. The Government accused Pakistan of aiding Taleban in the seizure of the city, which sits on a vital supply route.

Crash theorists may blow up jet

New York: Air crash investigators may blow up an empty Boeing 747 jetliner to find out what happens when a bomb explodes near the central fuel tank of such an aircraft, one of the theories behind the crash off Long Island of TWA Flight 800, in which 230 people died (Quentin Letts writes). Experts believe the disaster to have been caused by terrorists.

High and dry

Khartoum: A Saudi pilot spotted floodwaters, which had engulfed villages, heading for the Sudanese capital. His alert gave troops, civil defence forces and volunteers time to dig a canal and divert the water into the Blue Nile. (AFP)



The young Helmut, escorted by his sister, Hildegard, and older brother. Water

Tales of young Helmut give image a sparkle

HELMUT KOHL, lagging in the opinion polls, has launched a very personal publicity campaign to polish his image. For the first time Germans are discovering intimate facts about the early life of their leader.

Even those close to the Chancellor were unaware that he had an older sister, Hildegard. Yesterday the widow, 74, gave her first interview and commentators were quick to seize on indica-tors of Herr Kohl's personal motives in seeking European unification. The interview came only a day after a rare appearance by the Chancellor on a German talk-show. The latest opinion poll,

conducted by the Forza Insti-

tute, shows that Gerhard Schröder, the Social Democrat leader, is currently the Germans' favourite for Chancellor (35 per cent). 1 per cent ahead of Herr Kohl. The Christian Democrat-Free Democrat coalition, meanwhile, is level pegging with a notional alliance of Social Democrats and Greens. As popular opposition mounts against cuts and as the Government struggles

to maintain its credibility as a good housekeeper, the mood is swinging away from the Chancellor. Herr Kohl told his advisers that he does not want trumpet fanfares when he overtakes Konrad Adenauer's record stint of 14 years in



The Chancellor with his doting sister in 1994

office in November. Bu increasingly the party wants to make the most of this record; the new candour is part of that strategy.

Hildegard reveals that Helmut was an unplanned child. "He was a late arrival — they were difficult times. the world economic criss was at its high point and in such a situation another child was not exactly what parents longed for," his doing sister told Stern magzine. "But Helmut pushel his way through, with all hs force. He was always a will kid." On other occasions, le would dress up in a shert with a tea-cosy on his heal and call himself the Bishor.

War shaped the Chance-lor's childhood, giving the emotional backdrop to hs controversial statement that forging European political and monetary union is a matter of war or peace. His father was a lieutenant in tie mounted artillery in the Fist World War, became a medestly paid tax inspector in he years of the Weimar Republic and was called up at a reservist officer during he Second World War.

That had a deep effet," said Hildegard of her brother. "At a stroke, at the age of nine, his childhood was inished." In 1944 Helmut's hy elder brother, Walter, vas killed in action.

The lean war years also contributed to the Charrellor's later eating habits. h a stab of candour during his talk-show, he admitted using 18 eggs for his favorite crème caramel. He also onfessed that when forign statesmen call him, he switches on the telephone loudspeaker and feeds the lish in his aquarium.

French pupils bowed by book burden

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

WITH the new school term starting in France this week, a familiar sight has returned to the country's streets: small children tottering under the weight of the enormous satchels strapped to their backs.

In many cases these satchels weigh half as much as the pupil and concern over the possible detrimental effects to health has led one politician to propose a new law limiting

Haby, curvature of the spine, pressure on the respiratory system and an unbalanced gait can result from regularly carrying loads greater than 20 per cent of one's weight. M Haby wants to introduce a law limiting a school satchel to no more than 10 per cent of the owner's body weight.

Raphael, an II-year-old Parisian schoolboy interviewed by Libération, set off for his first year at secondary school this week, his spine bent under an unwieldy satchel heir weight. weighing no less than 28lb.
According to Jean-Yves half his body weight and

roughly equivalent to the provisions carried by a soldier on manoeuvres. Valentine, his ten-year-old neighbour, who is less than 4ft tall and weighs about 312 stone, was in tears after her second day because she could not manage to carry her satchel. Her parents are now forced to ferry her to and

from school. French children carry as many as 20 books around with them throughout the day because schools do not provide lockers or desks where belong-ings can be stored. Most schools are opposed to the

installation of lockers lecause they say they do no have adequate space or saff to supervise them. Another solution, greatly favoured by the publishers of school backs, is to issue two copies if each book to each child: me for home, the other for school.

So far François Bayou, the Education Minister, as not responded to M Haby: proposition. But, as Liferation pointed out yesterdar, if M Bayrou were forced o carry files amounting to laif his ll'ast on his back all day, he might be more sympahetic.

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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BTR spends £622m on restructuring and cuts payout



BTR, the diversified industrial company, said yesterday that it is making £622 million of provisions and cutting its full-year dividend by 35 per cent in an attempt to restore the company's

The exceptional charges, which cover the costs of the company's restruc-turing programme, wiped out half-year profits, which fell to £4 million, compared with £729 million last year.

BTR said it would push on with its disposal programme, which has al-ready yielded sales of El.5 billion, also announced the £128.5 million sale of Hawker Siddeley Electric Power Group. The company intends to sell

another 37 businesses in the next 18 months, bringing total disposal proceeds to £2.3 billion.

Ian Strachan, chief executive, said the company would also consolidate its 32 existing business divisions into

seven business groups.

The radical surgery unveiled by Mr
Strachan was well received in the City and shares in the company rose 8p to close at 274p. Analysis said that the reshaping was long overdue and supported the cut in the dividend as providing a more sustainable basis for

future growth.

BTR said the E622 million of exceptional charges included E273 million to cover losses on future disposals and £349 million in restructuring charges.

Of this amount, half relate to reorganisation and closure costs in continental

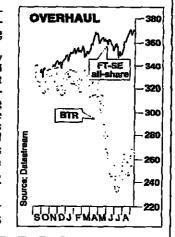
The interim dividend was reduced 28 per cent to 4p, payable on November BTR added that it intends to pay a total dividend for 1996 of 9.6p, a reduction of 35 per cent.

Underlying profits before interest for the six months to June 30 increased 3 per cent to £703 million, while continuing sales increased 13 per cent to £4.5 billion. Operating profits rose in most of the company's continuing divisions with the strongest performance in process control, where they increased 12 per cent to £86 million. But profits in the automotive division slipped 22 per cent to £68 million. Gross capital expenditure increased to £352 million, re-presenting 7 per cent of sales, com-pared with 6 per cent in 1995. Gearing

stood at 115 per cent on June 30.

The purchase of Hawker Siddeley Electrical Power Group is the second major acquisition by FKI in the past few weeks. FKI said the BTR subsidiary would strengthen its engineering division. Jeff Whalley, chief executive of FKI, said the deal would be earnings enhancing and the company expected to make some cost savings. FKI is paying cash for the company, which made profits of £20 million last year. increasing its gearing to about 70 per cent. FKI shares rose 11p to 205p.

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Fierce rivalry hits profits at British Gas

By ERIC REGULY

BRITISH Gas incurred losses of £180 million in its industrial and commercial gas supply business in the first half of the year as it confronted cut-throat competition from rival suppliers.

making progress in renegotiating the take-or-pay contracts, which oblige it to pay above-market prices for North Sea gas. Losses in the industrial and commercial gas supply business were £50 million in the first half of the previous

The losses in the industrial and commercial gas division pushed down British Gas's after-tax profit, on a historic cost basis, by £70 million to £565 million in the interim period ending on June 30.

THE John Lewis Parmership

yesterday revealed record

half-time profits and said it

had set its sights on a record

full year. Sales at both its

department stores and at its

Waitrose supermarkets were

strong, providing further evi-

dence of an upturn in con-

The company is setting

aside £50.5 million of the

£7S.1 million pre-tax profit

made in the six months to

July 27 for investment in the business and profit-sharing. Profits were 72 per cent ahead

of last year's £45.5 million.

John Lewis staff last year

received an average of eight

weeks' pay as a bonus — when just E31.5 million was

set aside in the first half -

and so could be heading for a

drawn on the expected level

of bonuses, however. He said

it would depend on second-

half profits and the amount

spent on expansion. John

Lewis is expecting to open at

bumper payout this year. A spokesman would not be

sumer confidence.

Earnings per share were 12.9p against 14.6p. Increased demand triggered by cold weather boosted turn-

over by 7 per cent to £5.1 billion. The interim dividend is maintained at 6.4p a share. man, said there were signs that a small number of gas suppliers were willing to renegotiate the take-or-pay con-

tracts. Since its market share is shrinking, British Gas no longer requires all of the £40 billion of gas it agreed to buy from North Sea suppliers in the mid-1980s, when it still had a monopoly.

Mr Giordano said: "There is a realistic assessment of the problem ... We're struggling to make progress with two or three people. I hope they'll be

least three new stores in the

next three years. It has also

spent more than it expected

on stockhandling and cus-

Department store sales

were up 15 per cent and

Waitrose up 14 per cent. Both

were up 10 per cent like for

like. According to Stuart

Hampson, chairman: "We

have to go back ten years to

find a time when both divi-

sions together scored such

good, real-term, sales in-

creases." He said that with

profit growth far outstrip-

ping sales growth, both divi-

sions were clearly capturing

market share. He said there

had been a "confident start"

Tony Shiret, retail analyst

at BZW, said John Lewis

was a stronger performer

than most comparable retailers, but he added: "It is

clearly supportive of the

view that the retail back-

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to the second half.

ground is strong."

tomer services.

John Lewis soars

to interim record

By Sarah Cunningham

done quickly because they might show the way to

> British Gas has already paid £500 million to meet its take-or-pay obligations and analysts have estimated that it billion in contract liabilities. But this year's bill could drop to zero because of the cold weather. Mr Giordano said.

> Take-or-pay obligations and restructuring costs caused a near-doubling, to £3 billion, in British Gas's net borrowings. raising gearing from 16.6 per cent to 27.9 per cent.

More than 5,500 employees left the company in the halfyear period. This reduced the number of workers to about 43,000. British Gas appears to be

making less progress with Clare Spottiswoode, the Director-General of Ofgas, the industry regulator. The company said: "We are making a final attempt with

Ofgas to achieve a workable solution which balances adequately the interests of our Ofgas has proposed reducing prices to customers by forcing British Gas to charge

its rivals less for the use of its

TransCo pipeline network,

starting next year. The propos-

als, British Gas said, would reduce's TransCo's annual revenue by £650 million. Mr Giordano gave no de-tails about the talks. Ofgas has given the company until October 7 to accept or reject the package. If it rejects it, the matter will be referred to the

Nigel Hawkins, an analyst at Yamaichi, said: "The odds are in favour of an MMC inquiry. There is no indication that Ofgas is prepared to make a Ŭ-tum."

Monopolies and Mergers

British Gas said that dividend policy depends on the outcome of TransCo's price review. Analysts have predicted that the annual payments could fall by 30 per cent, to 10p. unless Ofgas's price-cutting plan is relaxed. British Gas shares closed at

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Miranda reported £2.02 million profits for the fashion house

PIA proposes changes to investor protection rules

AS CONCERN grows about including "not unsuitable" safeguards for investors in the wake of Morgan Grenfell, the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) is proposing changes that would streamline and simplify investor protection procedures (Anne Ashworth writes).

"Best advice" for the client, the concept that encapsulates much of the current regime. may be under threat. A range

and "most suitable" advice is suggested as a replacement. Colette Bowe, PIA chief executive, said: "We are talking about finding some way in which complex transactions can be made easier by simplify-ing the procedures. We are not taking away from investor pro-tection, we are adding to it."

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Shares rise to record high as inflation dips

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

BRITAIN'S headline inflation rate fell back in August to 2.1 per cent, but the underlying inflation rate, targeted by the Government, remained stuck at 2.8 per cent for the fourth month running, in spite of City expectations of a fall.

The stubbornness of underlying inflation, which the Government wants at 2.5 per cent or less, convinced many in the City that base rates should not fall again.

However, in spite of mild disappointment, the stock market still soared to a new record on the back of positive British corporate results and a strong performance on Wall Street. American shares rose after a benign report on US producer prices, while, in London, the FT-SE 100 index closed 27 points up, at a record 3,932.6.

Headline inflation had blipped up disappointingly in July to 22 per cent, and August's fall brought it back to June's 2.1 per cent. The fall in the annual rate in August was largely because seasonal food prices did not rise by nearly as much as last year, when drought pushed up greengrocery prices. The underlying rate, which

would fall back in August, was kept at 28 per cent partly because of increased motoring costs. Second-hand car prices were up unexpectedly and petrol prices were up by around 2 per cent, suggesting that the fierce price competition, particularly between superstores, may have eased

City analysts had hoped

The rise in petrol prices may also partly reflect a 10 per cent surge in crude oil prices over the July to August period. The Office for National Statistics said that it is possible that a further rise in crude oil prices related to renewed uncertainty over Iraq may push petrol prices up again in September. although the relationship between crude and petrol prices is not always close.

Broadly, however, the City remains confident that underlying inflation is set to fall over the coming months. In September, another outbreak of supermarket price competition, some more cuts in mortgage rates feeding through and cuts in telephone charges should help to keep the lid on

be shut. The plans were described as

about 600 jobs through natural wastage since the merger took effect. Lloyds TSB now employs 85,000 full-time staff. The planned branch closures were immediately condemned by Bifu, the banking

that more than 1,000 branches would close and that up to 10,000 jobs were at risk. Lloyds TSB, however, said that speculation of 1,000 closures was unfounded, adding: The branch network is very important to us. We will not see the number falling greatly

below 3,000. A great deal of business comes to us through those branches." The bank said it believed the planned closures were in line with the banking industry generally, but added that it was investing in other areas banking to improve customer service. No figure has been

John Townsend, assistant secretary of Bifu, said: "Six hundred job losses linked to the merger have already been announced in head office departments in Birmingham

Chelsea £20m transfer is lost By Jason Nissé EVEN if you have a £120

million personal fortune and can afford a El million personal donation to the Labour Party, it is hard to misplace share certificates worth nearly £20 million. But that is what Matthew Harding, the insur-ance tycoon, has done. Certificates for the bulk of his 25 per cent stake in Chelsea Village, owner of the football club,

have been lost in the post. Last week Mr Harding sent two certificates, one for 14.3 million shares, the other for 5.6 million, to Chelsea's registrars, a subsidiary of stockbroker Neill Clerk in Glasgow. Apparently he wanted the regis-tered holder changed to a nominee company.

The trouble is the certificates did not arrive. Ross McDonald chief executive of Neill Clerk, said: "We never got them. They did not arrive through our door and we certainly have not lost them."

According to Robert Ellis, chairman of Ellis & Partners. Chelsea's financial advisors, the certificates are believed to have been lost in the post. He said: "I think there has been some problem to do with the mail strike." The Stock Exchange has

sent a note to City stockbrokers, warning them that if anyone tries to sell the shares, the Exchange should be con-tacted. Neill Clerk says it will replace the certificates free if Mr Harding signs a form indemnifying the broker

against any losses.

Mr Harding and George
Soros, the US speculator,
were claiming victory last
night in their hostile bid for HČG Lloyd's Investment Trust. Their investment vehi-cle. Benfield & Rea Investment Trust, claimed to have received valid acceptances in HCG's shares.

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branches By George Sivell

LLOYDS TSB plans to close about 150 of the 3,000 branch network created by the merger completed in December, but said yesterday that it had has not identified those that would

a routine part of restructuring to adapt to changing markets. The bank also said it had shed

union, which said it believed

out on the redundancies resulting from the closures.

departments in London."

Words have wings and that's the truth (thanks to seat-back phones in our planes to Florence).

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sorrell collects £2.7m

of shares under deal

MARTIN SORRELL, chief executive of WPP Group, the ad-

United News & Media 21% up in first half

BY FRANK LE DUC

TRONG growth in broadcasting, trade magaines and exhibitions was highlighted as United lews & Media announced pre-tax profits of 152 million in the six months to June 30. The figures are the first since the merger with AAI, which was announced in February and ompleted in April. The pre-tax profits show an

ncrease of 21.5 per cent on the £125 million of he first half of 1995. The results slightly exceeded forecasts, but analysts said that exceptional charges, at £32.3 million, were also higher than expected. Lord Hollick, chief executive, said that United

would take £32 million of restructuring costs in the second half as it turns the Daily Express and the Sunday Express into a seven-day operation. The E82 million proceeds from selling Tolley, the legal publisher, will also be accounted for in

Lord Hollick said that current trading was in line with expectations, advertising growth was steady and newsprint prices were softening. He

expects further strong demand in the exhibitions and trade magazines businesses.

Operating profits of the broadcasting and entertainment division advanced by 75 per cent. to £26.3 million, on the back of a strong

performance by Anglia and Meridian.

Consumer publishing, which includes national and provincial newspapers and advertising magazines such as Dalton's Weekly and Exchange 8 Mart, contributed operating profits of SAL6 million (CA21 million) profits of £41.6 million (£43.1 million). Financial services - including Harlow

Butler and Garban, the money and securities broking businesses — made £31.5 million (£30.2 million).

Business services — trade magazines and exhibitions — lifted its contribution from £36.3 million to 51.2 million.

Lord Hollick said: "We have done what we

said we would do at the time of the merger. which was to improve performance and develop our core businesses. I'm sorry if that's boring." Earnings per share were 21.1p (16.9p). An 8p dividend, up 3 per cent, is due on December 2.

Legal & General soar 56%

LEGAL & GENERAL saw

The group also announced yesterday that it is opening a telephone sales centre in Cardiff on Monday, initially to sell healthcare and term assurance. It hopes the operation will eventually house up to 400 staff and account for

David Prosser, chief executive, added that the company was in preliminary discussions with the Bank of England as it looks to extend its range into banking-based deposit account products, although he ruled out expanding into current accounts and full banking services.

Operating profits before tax climbed from £111.1 million to £134.3 million, while earnings per share rose from 17.1p to 18.02p. The pre-tax profit fig-ure was distorted by a reclassi-

The interim dividend, pay-

The company said it had increased its share of the life and pensions market, with new equivalent premium income climbing from £90.5 million to £141.5 million. Personal equity plans sales in-creased fivefold. Underlying UK life and pensions profits

The company sold its com-Guardian Insurance in July, which will create an exceptional profit of £70 million — £50 million after tax — in the full-year. The company is proposing a five for two split of ordinary shares

UK sales

By KEITH RODGERS

interim UK sales of investment, protection and pension products leap 56.4 per cent to a six-year high as its competitive pricing policy paid off.

about a quarter of its business.

fication of £1.4 billion of shareholders retained capital.

able on 2 December, climbed 13.6 per cent to 8.75p, and analysts were confident that dividend growth will continue.

grew 14 per cent.

to improve liquidity.

vertising and marketing company, was yesterday awarded shares worth £2.7 million under a controversial package set up last year. He collected 1,172,845 shares, the first of four tranches to which he will be entitled if WPP fulfils performance targets on share price, total shareholder return and earnings per share growth. The target for the first set required that WPP's shares trade at a minimum of 198p for 60 consecutive trading days. The remaining three sets of 1,172,845 shares each are subject to share price targets of 230p, 260p and 304p. The four-tiered share package was tied to Mr Sorrell's investment lour-nered snare package was used to bit sorrell's investment last year of £2 million of his own money in WPP shares. He then acquired 1.129,305 shares at 115p each. The total five-year package has been calculated to be worth up to £28.5

CARADON, the building supplies group, expects to complete the sale of most its European engineering and distribution businesses for about £215 million by the end of this year. Purchaser for 15 of the 17 businesses is believed to be CINVen, the former British Coal venture capital company bought out by its management. Buyer of the other two is believed to be Magna, of the US. Caradon's pre-tax profits fell to E81.3 million (E90.2 million) in the six months to June 30, but it made cost savings of £30 million. The interim dividend stays at 2.9p.

million. In addition to the shares, it includes a salary of E750,000 and up to an equal amount in cash bonuses.

Caradon disposals

Shell Transport ahead

SHELL Transport and Trading, the UK arm of the Royal Dutch/Shell group, yesterday declared an interim dividend of 14.4p a share, up 11.6 per cent on the 1995 interim of 12.9p. Royal Dutch Petroleum, the group's Dutch arm, declared an interim dividend of 4.30 guilders (3.90 guilders). Analysts said that the market range of expectations for the dividends was between 14p and 15.5p for Shell and 4 guilders to 4.50 guilders for Royal Dutch. Shell shares will go ex-dividend on September 23. The dividend is due to be paid on November 4.

Gillette-Duracell deal

GILLETTE, the consumer products company, is to buy Duracell International Inc for about \$7 billion. Duracell's copper-top batteries appear on many of the same store shelves as Gillette's Sensor and Good News shaving products, Right Guard deodorant Oral-B toothbrushes and Paper Mate pens. The deal completes the divestiture of Duracell by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the buyout firm, which purchased Duracell from Kraft for \$1.8 billion in 1988. It had

Memory chief resigns

POUNDER Alex Deas has resigned as chairman of Memory Corporation, the microchip company, to become chief scientist. The company reports interim losses of £3.06 million — a £2.31 million increase. The group repairs imperfect microchips and has not recovered from last November's market collapse, when perfect chips plunged from \$400 to \$70. Memory sells repaired chips for approximately \$50. It wrote off £1.1 million of stock from unsold 8-megabyte chips. Group sales were £87,000 (£450,000). Bill Hipp will be new chairman.

TLS on takeover road

TLS, the vehicle rental company, is acquiring Commercial Recovery & Repairs (CRR) for a maximum consideration of £6.8 million. CRR is involved in the rental of heavy goods vehicles, light commercial vehicles and trailers. TLS also announced an increase of 32 per cent in pre-tax profits to £2.4 million for the half year to the end of June. Earnings were 4p a share, compared with 3.8p in the corresponding period. The interim dividend is lifted to 1.1p a share from 0.85p.

Setback for APV

PRE-TAX profits at APV, the food equipment maker, fell to E700,000. from £7.1 million, in the half year to June 30, reflecting weak markets and a lower order book at the start of the year. Earnings dropped to 0.2p a share from 1.6p, while the dividend is held at Ip a share, payable on January 3. The results include £8 million of restructuring costs. Sir Peter Cazalet, chairman, said there were signs that order intake was picking up and the company expected to show progress in the second half over the comparable period in 1995.

Coopers fees record

COOPERS & LYBRAND, the accountancy partnership. raised gross fee income by 6 per cent to a record £701 million in the year to end-April. Coopers should remain comfortably top of the league of UK accountants. Corporate finance was the best performer, with 12 per cent growth to £72 million. It claims the most lead deals of any adviser at 149. Audit and accountancy, now grouped with due diligence and similar work in a business assurance division, increased gross income by 7 per cent to £239 million.

Logica wins contract

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LOGICA, the information technology consultancy, has won a £4.25 million contract to supply the electricity pool of England and Wales with a computer system to run a deregulated electricity. city market. The computer framework will connect domestic customers to the supplier of their choice and co-ordinate trading between generators and distributors. Yesterday Logica reported pre-tax profits up 22 per cent at £24.7 million for the year to June 30. Earnings were 27. lp (21.7p) a share. A final dividend of 4.8p, due on November 14, gives a total of 7.8p (6.24p).

BAe chief sees more defence mergers

after the turn of the century. Sir Richard Evans chief executive of British Aerospace, fore-

He said that within five years defence companies in Britain, France and Germany will have merged most of their businesses to be able to compete more effectively with their American rivals.

Sir Richard said that aircraft, helicopter and weapons companies will merge their asset bases but also establish national subsidiaries to maintain national identities. This will create large research and development savings while the subsidiaries maintain links with national govern-ments and their defence

He said efficiency savings were unlikely to result in significant job losses because the new pan-European companies would enjoy an increase in global sales. BAe's workforce is projected to remain steady at about 43,000 over the next five years.

Yesterday BAe reported a 75 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £199 million from £114 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings increased to 31.2p a share from 12.2p. The interim dividend was lifted by 1.25p to 6.25p. BAe shares rose 37p to £10.49.

Sir Richard said: "The measures taken and continuing to improve productivity are driv-

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THE consolidation of the European defence industry will be largely completed soon these results and will ensure that maximum value is derived from delivering the substantial forward order book.

"With the business now starting to deliver this performance, we are better able to influence the future shape of our industry. We believe we now share common objectives of European consolidation with others in the industry. but recognise the challenges facing potential partners.

"Such consolidation will take time and we will continue to seek performance growth through further order capture and cost elimination." A significant step in the

European consolidation programme was taken last month when BAe's missile business and the French missile builder Matra formed a new joint

BAe nevertheless insists that strict criteria have to be met before further consolidations can be agreed, and that political factors will be taken into account. Since the deal with Matra, BAe has been particularly keen to set up a similar arrangement with a

German company. Sir Richard again dismissed suggestions that BAe ma in merger talks with GEC. He said there would be no talks in the next 12 months and that a merger was "highly unlikely" and "not a priority".

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Sir Richard Evans, left, and Richard Lapthorne, finance director, said profits rose **Woodchester eyes** Swedish market

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

said that new business rose 46

per cent to IrE600 million in

Craig McKinney, chair-man, yesterday sought to reas-

sure investors, saying the continuing financial problems

of Credit Lyonnais had no

There has been persistant

speculation that the French

bank will be forced to divest its

53 per cent stake in the

company. Mr McKinney said:

impact on Woodchester.

the first half.

WOODCHESTER Investments, the finance company in which France's Crédit Lyonnais has a controlling interest. plans to enter the Swedish market, hoping to match its recent success in Portugal and Denmark.

The company, which is based in the Irish Republic, yesterday reported a 25 per cent in interim pre-tax profits to IrE21.4 million for the six months to the end of June.

Earnings rose 19 per cent to 1r7.41p a share and the interim dividend is increased 15 per cent to Ir3.16p, payable on November 8. The company

"It's not inhibiting our growth in any way. We know that if Credit Lyonnais decides to divest, there are no shortage of potential buyers." Woodchester's UK operations were boosted by a good perfor-mance from Anglo Group.

Warning as

The company said a weaker copper price would have an adverse second-half impact. although hedging pro-grammes will provide some protection. The company, based in Luxembourg and controlled by South African interests, saw net earnings before exceptional items fall to \$200 million from \$210 million. The interim dividend is

weak prices hit Minorco

MINORCO, the minerals and industrial materials company, suffered a 5 per cent fall in net earnings in the first half to June 30, affected by weaker industrial commodity prices.

maintained at 21 cents. Net gains of \$117 million from investment disposals increased net earnings to \$317 million. Operating earnings fell 11 per cent to \$342 million.

THE threat of an official estimates of its long-run pointerest rate increase in the Irish Republic receded yesterday with the release of government figures showing a

the year to the end of August. cent for the year to the end of mid-May and was better than

gave further solace to anxious

In its autumn bulletin, the bank said: "The Irish economy has been growing above bank and 1997.

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about credit growth by refussteady rise of the key, interbank one-month rate from 5.5 per cent to 5.75 per cent. As a tions increased their rates by

The "Shell" Transport and **Trading Company, Public Limited Company**

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Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Tuesday, 1st October, 1996 for the preparation of warrants for an Interim dividend for the year 1996 of 14.4p per 25p Ordinary share payable on 4th November, 1996.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar:- Lloyds Bank Registrars, The Causeway. Worthing, West Sussex BN99 6DA, not later than 3pm on 1st October, 1996.

SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER

The Coupon to be presented for the above dividend will be No. 196 which must be deposited at Lloyds Bank Pic, Registrar's Department, Receiving Bank Services, Ground Floor, P.O. Box 1000, Antholin House, 71 Queen Street, London EC4N 1SL (not later than 1st October, 1996, to receive payment on 4th November, 1996) or may be surrendered through Messieurs Lazard Frères et Cie, 121 boulevard Haussmann, 75382, Paris Cedex 08.

> BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Miss J.E. Munsiff Secretary

Shell Centre. London SE1 7NA 12th September, 1996 The Secretary of State hereby gives notice that he intends to grant on 16 September 1996 a licence in the following terms. INTERIM OPEN GENERAL LICENCE **CHEMICAL WEAPONS ACT 1996**

This Licence is granted by the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996

Terms and expressions used in this Licence shall bear the same meanings as they have in the Chemical Weapons Act 1996.

This Licence authorises any person to: (a) use any Schedule I toxic chemical or precursor for a

permitted purpose; and (b) to produce or have in his possession any Schedule 1 toxic chemical or precursor with the intention that it will be used for a permitted purpose.

The Licence shall come into force on 16th September 1996 and shall expire at midnight on 31st December 1996. The definitive licensing regime under \$.20 of the Chemical Weapons

Act 1996 will be introduced from I January 1997 and will take two forms: an Open General Licence, with reporting requirements, for production, possession and use of up to 5 grammes of Schedule 1 chemicals for research, medical or pharmaceutical purposes, and individual licences covering quantities over 5 grammes. Further details of these arrangements will be available in due course. For further information please contact John Bidder at the Department of Trade & Industry on 0171 215 8222.

Irish rate rise fears recede on inflation data

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

modest increase in the annual inflation rate to 1.5 per cent in This compared with 1.4 per

expected by economists in Dublin. The Central Bank of Ireland

borrowers by forecasting a full 1996 inflation rate of 1.75 per cent. However, the bank cautioned that a steady rise in private sector credit, particularly domestic mortgages, could pose an inflationary threat to the Irish economy in the medium term.

tential rate for a number of years and the longer this situation persists the greater the threat to price stability." Last month the Central

Bank acted on its concern ing to intervene to stem the result, most lending institubetween 0.25 and 0.5 of a percentage point.
The Central Bank reiterated

its commitment to a policy of price stability and continued adherence to the Maastricht treaty criteria for economic and monetary union. The bank said that after two years of very strong growth, Ire-land's GNP is likely to be about 5 per cent for both 1996

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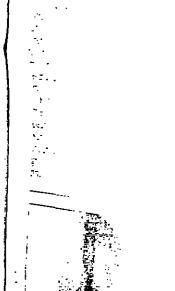
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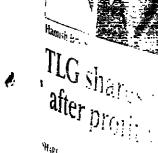
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☐ A matter of trust at BTR ☐ Does Matthew Clark have more drink problems? ☐ PIA wrong on timing and content

CI WHAT an exciting life it was running BTR in its glory days. All that jetting around as one of the world's most active corporate raiders, striking fear in the hearts of lacklustre managements everywhere And what a

ments everywhere. And what a dull time there is to be had managing its inevitable decline.

BTR was a perpetual-motion machine whose motion eventually had to stop. What was surprising was how quickly the whole thing ground to a halt. The start of the end can be dated with remarkable precision, to September 8 1994, that terrible day when Alan Jackson, the then chief executive, was forced to admit to the City that margins were slipping. In most companies, this would be the occasion for mild recrimination and a determination to pull one's socks up. For BTR, it was like reversing the

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isport ahead

law of gravity. Mr Jackson blamed a problem at Denver airport, of all places, but more searching analysis showed that large chunks of the group had their woes. He and Sir Owen Green, the man mainly responsible for BTR in its current form, are now gone, and to lan Strachan falls the lugubrious task of reversing much of their strategy. Mr Strachan has sold, or will

U-turn after perpetual motion

sell, a string of companies representing a quarter of BTR's turnover. Some 37 are still to go, with average annual turnover of £24 million apiece. The aim is to refine the group so that those businesses still within BTR earn their keep. Mr Strachan points out that the retained bits, on an historic basis, would earn a 16 per cent return on capital, handsome indeed. Those bits sold, by contrast, earn little more than 10

per cent, and those still to go earn a lowly 7.6 per cent. At the same time, BTR will be slimmed from 32 product groups to seven business groupings the jargon may elude some readers, but it is dear to Mr Strachan's heart, so please per-severe — all of which will control a significant or leading share of their markets. This is the key; if you are not a market leader, you have no reason to be there.

Mr Strachan puts down BTR's dismal share price performance over the past year or more to fashion and market perception. Ho hum. The fashion is against

conglomerates, but the perception that BTR had run out of steam was, with the benefit of hindsight, clearly correct. The key question is whether the bits being sold are the right ones, or merely responding to short-term cyclical trends and getting rid of those businesses that happen to

be doing badly this year.

Mr Strachan has mustered a bewildering array of statistics to "prove" that the bits being kept are outperforming the rest, but, at the end of the day, such sweeping reorganisations are a matter of trust. The City, quite rightly, seems inclined to trust him.

A tale of two cider makers

☐ THE most exacting research has shown that the average teenage drinker cannot tell one new brand of cider from another. They order by brand, and brands are boosted only by advertising. On Tuesday, Matthew Clark,



which owns half the British cider industry, shocked the drinks sector by revealing that the ever more popular alcopops"— those ghastly concoctions of fruit juices and alcohol sold under names such as Thickhead that imply that taste is not the main criterion for purchase - had taken a big chunk out of July and August sales. Clark's shares plunged, yet the story never really rang true. Alcopops are hardly new. Analysts wondered

whether rather more was amiss. Yesterday, they had their answer. The rival HP Bulmer said that the market was still fine, and the premium packaged end.

IMPROVED advertising income helped Scottish Television, the ITV company that recently bought Caledonian Publishing to report record interim earnings yesterday (Eric

STV said that advertising income in

the half year to June 30 rose 7 per cent

to £39.7 million, giving the company

4.79 per cent of net ITV advertising

Pre-tax profits rose 39 per cent to

revenue, up from 4.69 per cent.

Reguly writes).

STV zooms in on record

But if there are more problems, Mr Aikens would be advised to the more expensive bottled brands, was 8 per cent up, year on year. This was just the area that Matthew Clark had claimed was worst hit by alcopops. Bulmer's shares rose in relief, and Matthew Clark fell further. Peter Aikens, the latter's chief executive, was already unpopular in the City over the small matter of the £431,000 that he was paid to cover the cost of moving house. His popularity will not have been enhanced by this week's disaster, and he had

trousers when he does the in-evitable round of meetings the institutions are demanding. Matthew Clark has risen fast from humble origins because the trust that the City has put in the management has allowed rapid expansion through share issues. One institution was buying this week, obviously reckoning the worst is past. The company has various options, emphasising some brands at the expense of

£10.3 million, on turnover from contin-

uing operations of £52.2 million, up 15

per cent. Earnings per share were 11.5p. up 12 per cent, and the interim

dividend, to be paid on November 8,

rises 38 per cent to 5.5p.
STV said that it has formed a joint ven-

ture with BSkyB, the satellite broadcast-

er that is an associate company of News

International, owner of The Times, to

start broadcasting the Sky Scottish satellite channel in November.

better have a stiff exercise book

tucked down the back of his

come clean now. These things tend to come out in the end. Investor protection

demands disclosure

☐ PUBLISHING a discussion paper on investor protection today with no reference to the Morgan Grenfell scandal is a little like putting out a report on maritime safety in May 1912 without mentioning the Titanic. Surely, the Personal Investment Authority could have delayed Authority could have delayed publication for a few weeks so as to include some reference, however sketchy, to the biggest scandal to hit personal invest-

ment in years?
This is more than a cavil about timing, though. The view that most clearly emerges from the PIA is that investors are being given too much information, so they are unable to make sensible decisions. This extends others or jacking up advertising. and complicates the sales pro-

UNITED BISCUITS (Holdings) re-

turned to profit in the first half to July 13 with a strong recovery in its UK

biscuits and snacks businesses (Sarah

Cunningham writes). Pre-tax profit

after exceptional charges are £42.8 million, compared with a £37.8 million

loss. Before exceptionals, profits this

time were £44.9 million (£22.9 million).

were up 12 per cent, but in continental

Europe were down 30 per cent and in

UK profits, by far its largest market.

Recovery at United Biscuits

cess, and might put a few people

This column has long argued that too many of the documents that thump on to investors' door-mats are disgracefully jargon-ridden and uninformative. This is not a question of omitting information, however, but of refining it. There must be some suspicion that the PIA has had its ear bent by some big players

unhappy with the volume of paperwork they have to shift. With Morgan Grenfell, man-agement and, therefore, investors were deliberately kept in the dark. Little can be done by the regulator if rogue individuals decide to mislead their employers. But limiting what employers must tell the customer can hardly help.

Partners on a roll

SEARS has its shoelaces in a twist, House of Fraser is in rehab and Sainsbury is swimming in own-label porridge. Meanwhile, politically unfashionable John Lewis is charging ahead. Partners were paid eight weeks' money in profit share, department stores and Waitrose are both gaining market share and half-year profit surged. There is much to be said for stability, job security and avoiding the City.

Asia Pacific down 61 per cent. Eric

Nicoli, chief executive, said the UK

crisps market was still highly competi-

tive and remained a source of concern.

Although profits were down on the first

half of last year in continental Europe, they were well up on the second half of 1995. The company has no plans for acquisitions, he said. The interim is

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Earnings slump shrugged off at RTZ-CRA

BY CARL MORTISHED

RTZ-CRA. the Anglo-Australian mining group, yesterday shrugged off a 22 per cent slump in earnings caused by the collapse in the copper price and confidently predicted buoyant demand for metals.

Falling base metal prices and the Sumitomo copper scandal wiped \$194 million off first-half earnings to June 30. RTZ-CRA's first half was also depressed by technical delays in bringing a new smelter on stream, while labour trouble affected CRA's Australian coal fell from \$711 million to \$552 million (E36) million). Adverse exchange rates took off \$34

Robert Wilson, chief executive, said: "Confidence was clearly shaken by the Sumitomo crisis," But he said the group was confident about growth of demand. The prices of metals are more depressed than the fundamentals of supply and demand and stocks would suggest." RTZ was badly hit by the

copper price which fell to an average 115 cents a pound from 132 cents in the first half of last year. The price has since slumped to 90 cents, causing a 46 per cent fall in combined copper and gold earnings to \$190 million, despite a 17 per cent rise in copper production to 363,000

Profits from copper were urther affected by a fall in refined copper production because of delays in building up production at Kennecott's new smelter in the US. The company said that had the smelter been operating at full capacity, metal earnings would have been up by \$100

The company said that the review of the exploration portfolio of the combined RTZ-

CRA group had been completed. Eliminating duplication

and marginal programmes will save \$50 million per year. RTZ hopes to raise production levels at its Grasberg copper mine to about 200,000 tonnes a day. Engineering work is almost complete and construction work 36 per cent complete at the Lihir gold mine in Papua New Guinea.

RTZ has ceased work at the Century Zinc project in Australia while the company ne-gotiates with aboriginal claimants under the right-tonegotiate procedures of the Native Title Act.

RTZ is paying a 10.6p interim, up from 10.5p on earnings of 25.8p (32p). The company expects the interim to represent about one third of the final payout.

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Hamish Bryce said that the group held its market share

TLG shares plummet after profit warning

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES of TLG plunged from 17012p to 9212p yesterday after the light fittings mnaufacturer said trading conditions in Europe had worsened and predicted its interim profits would be significantly behind last year's. The shares recovered slightly to close at 10812p.

Hamish Bryce its chairman, said that while TLG had retained its market share. markets had deteriorated across Europe. However, he added that the group expected to recover its lost sales in its

second half. The French lighting market was the worst hit, he said, falling 8 per cent compared with last year. The Swedish market fell 7 per cent, the UK market 5 per cent and the

German market 4 per cent.

The group said its interim profits would be between £8 million and £8.5 million against the £11.4 million

Laing sees housing improve

John Laing, the building group, said there have been improvements in the housing market in the South East and signs of recovery in the construction sector.

Laing's pre-tax profits fell to £8.8 million, from £9.7 million. in the half year to June 30. The dividend is held at 3p.

The company is optimistic about prospects. Turnover rose to £574 million (£553.2 million). Net cash has risen to £63.5 million (£25.4 million a year ago), and recent contracts should ensure steady work.

Headlam up

Headlam Group, the floorcov-erings and fashion distribution group, said UK customers were reporting a sustainable rise in demand by consumers. Interim pre-tax profits were £4.4 million, up from £3.1 million. The dividend is 1.45p (1.2p). Lambert ahead

Lambert Howarth, the footholding its interim dividend at 2.25p. Pre-tax profits were £790,000 in the half year to June, up from £630,000. Hall higher

Hall Engineering, the wire and automotive products manufacturer, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.3 million (£3.4 million) in the half to June 30, aided by a E1.33 million profit on a disposal The interim dividend is

Enterprise forms US alliance

By CARL MORTISHED

ENTERPRISE Oil has agreed strategic alliance with Pennzoil, the US energy group, that will give the UK company a stake in Pennzoil's extensive exploration prospects in the Gulf of Mexico.

The agreement is Enterprise's first venture in the US

drilling new wells in return for a half share in each prospect. The US venture came as Enterprise announced net

profits of £73.8 million for the half year to June, an increase of 59 per cent on the first six months of 1995. Record oil and gas production of 204,802 barrels per day, up 2 per cent on last year, helped to raise barrels per day by 1999. profits as did an increase in

£10.83 in 1995 to £12.28 in the first six months of the year. It is maintaining the interim dividend at 6.5p a share, payable from earnings that rose 65 per cent to 13.5p a share. Graham Hearne, chairman said the group was on track to replace reserves this year and increase production to 300,000



Strong results help shares to record closing high

its head for heights yesterday as it leapt ahead to a record

closing high.
The FT-SE 100 closed at 3,932.6, a rise of 27 points, and just a fraction below the peak reached during trading hours earlier in the week.

A raft of strong corporate results fuelled the market's optimism, helped by gains on Wall Street. The market shrugged off slightly worse than expected price rises in August that trimmed the annual rate of inflation to 2.1 per cent from 2.2 per cent in July.

With more buyers than sellers in the market, prices were squeezed higher across the board, adding £5 billion to share values by the close. Dealers expect to be busy again today, with the market now setting its sights on the 4.000 level

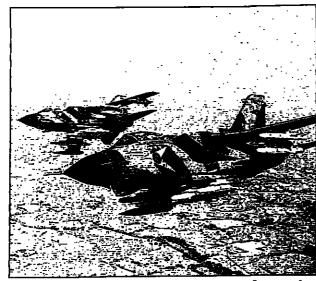
British Aerospace took off after announcing first-half profits of £215 million and a higher than forecast dividend of 6.25p. A solid performance from its defence division, a strong order book boosted by orders to supply Tornado combat aircraft to Saudi Arabia and a new Nimrod contract in the UK, together with signs of improvement in commercial operations prompted several analysts to upgrade figures for the full year to £415 million pre-tax. The shares

soared 38p to 1050½ p.
Details of restructuring plans at BTR, the industrials group, were well received. Shares rose 9½ p to 275½ p as it announced pre-exceptional profits of £626 million (£706 million) and the £182 million sale of Hawker Siddeley Electric Powe to FKI, whose shares jumped 11p to 205p.

Shares in RTZ, the mining group, rose 31p to 9612p. This came in spite of a dip in firsthalf profits and some caution in the market as to second-half prospects, given the falling price of copper.

Better than expected interim results and an encouraging outlook for the year cheere shares in Caradon, the building products group, 2812 p higher to 2492 p. The brighter outlook helped others in the sector, including Pilkington. which rose 6p to 200p. United Biscuits rose 10p to 2122 p as it reported half-year profits of £42.8 million in line with

Shares in United News &Media, publisher of the Daily Express, rose op to



Shares in BAe, supplier of Tornado aircraft, soared

ally buoyant market.A warn-7112p after surprising the ing that first-half profits market with better than expected figures. In its first set of would be hard hit by difficult conditions in Europe, sent its results since merging with MAI, United News lifted preshares crashing 61p to 1092 p. tax profits before exceptionals a fall of 55 per cent. The fall 21.5 per cent to £151.9 million. took TLG below the issue price of 115p at which it floated in A healthy dividend increase

and strong first-half figures October 1994. The oil sector was back in boosted Legal & General. Its the spotlight once again. The price of crude oil moved ahead shares, which are to be split in a five-for-two division, rose

Cheerier noises coming from the housing market helped to lift retailers. Carpetright rose 16p to 591 \(\frac{1}{2} \) p. Courts Furniture 32 \(\frac{1}{2} \) p to 917 \(\frac{1}{2} \) p, and Essex Furniture 6p to 94 \(\frac{1}{2} \) p. By contrast, the "feelbad" factor affected shares in Manchester United after their defeat by Juventus, which knocked the price 4p lower.

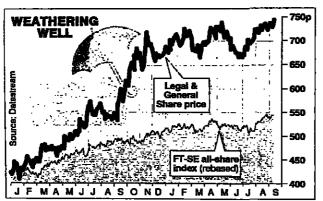
17p to 7452p as analysts upgraded forecasts for the full year to around £300 million. Reports that Eurotunnel had agreed a debt for equity

deal with its banks prompted a rise of llp to ll2¹2p. Also moving ahead was Railtrack, which reversed recent profit losses to add 142p to 2842p. Gloom settled on TLG, for-

merly Thorn Lighting, casting a small shadow on the gener-

on international markets as worries grew over renewed tension in Iraq.

Shell announced a near 12 per cent rise in its interim dividend to 14.4p and the shares rose 3p to 969½p. Higher oil prices in the first half helped fuel the 59 per cent increase by Enterprise Oil in net income to £73.8 million. The expected improvement failed to excite the shares,



ish Gas, nudged ahead '2p to 1992p after failing to inspire analysts with first-half figures and an unchanged dividend. The group says it is making progress with negotiations over take-or-pay contracts, but eye on developments in its row

with the regulator.
Shares in ScottishTV edged ahead by 3p to 7022p after it revealed record profits of £10.3 million. It also announced a link up with BSkyB to broadcast a new channel, Sky Scottish, from November. Shares in BSkyB rose 82p to 5712p.

More evidence of brighter times for the housing market emerged as John Laing, the building group, reported an improving picture and the return of the "feel-good" factor. The shares responded with a 132p increase to 258p. Countryside Properties buoyed by Laing, moved up 4p to 70p on heavy turnover as more than three million

shares changed hands. The profits warning earlier in the week continued to leave a sour taste at Matthew Clark, the drinks group. Its shares fell a further 12p to 3432p while HP Bulmer, the cider group, fizzed ahead 15p to 567.5p after an upbeat trading statement at its annual

A cautious note from BZW, the broker, took the gloss off ICI, which fell 7p to 8382p, while record passenger figures for August prompted a modest 12p rise to 4722p at

Inspec, the chemicals group that received a 98 per cent take-up for its £101.5 million rights issue saw its shares close 8½p higher. GILT-EDGED: After a quiet

morning, trading picked up in the afternoon with prices pushed higher following stronger markets in Germany and the US. In futures, the December

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Take-or-pay day

There are only three exit routes: run, sue or pay. British Gas clearly cannot run from its take-or-pay obligations while litigation is messy and inconclusive, even assuming BG could find in the contracts a sufficiently ambiguous clause on which to hang a writ.

The only plausible solution is to pay, but BG has a problem. To be let off the hook requires cash up front, representing the present value of the contracts to the oil companies. BG Energy would get a nice discount for early payment. but it has no money to pay off the £1.5 billion take-or-pay liability.

However it does have some attractive assets, namely the Morecambe Bay gasfield. Moreover, Shell and BP have cash coming out of their ears and are unlikely to be clamouring for ready money. What is certainly being dis-

HOW do you get out of an onerous contract? cussed now is how the £3.5 billion Morecambe Bay cake is to be carved up.

What will then be left of British Gas Energy for its new investors following the demerger? Possibly half of Morecambe Bay, a few large computers, a management team and a (shrinking) customer list. That does not look anenticing prospect for investors, whatever one thinks of the management team. Yet there are grounds to believe that BG Energy could be a more exciting investment than Transco, the pipeline utility with an exploration sideline. The latter will be a dull investment. paying a dividend with little upside, constantly fighting the regulator for every crumb of revenue. BG Energy on the other hand has everything to play for, no dividend to pay and nothing to lose. When the time comes, it could be a very interesting punt.

Enterprise Oil

THE enthusiasm of oil companies for the Gulf of Mexico is in inverse ratio to their dwindling interest in South-East Asia. Enterprise has had little success in Indochina, a factor which three years ago left the City with the feeling that it was a busted flush in exploration terms. Yesterday's results proved them wrong, with Norway and Italy filling the gap. But the decision to move into the Gulf, where every oilman and his dog has put up a tent, raises a

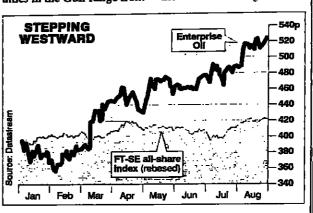
be out of its depth. The British company is contributing cash and, in return, will get a half share in a substantial slug of equity — Pennzoil's average working interest in the leases is over 80 per cent — but as important is the chance to

concern that Enterprise will

study the seismic data available, as the entire Gulf has been pored over by an army of freelance geologists.

This is a more certain business than hanging about in Hanoi or Phnom Penh. negotiating with governments that demand an ever higher percentage of each barrel of oil recovered. Royalties in the Gulf range from

12 to 16 per cent with income tax at 35 per cent, comparable with the UK, but well below the 80 per cent or more demanded in some developing countries. Enterprise should be able to raise the dividend this year and next while substantially replenishing reserves. For oil companies, that means having the cake and eating it.



RTZ-CRA

SURE enough; after RTZ-CRA revealed the detail of the wounds caused by Sumitomo and the copper price, shares in the Anglo-Australian mining group rose. The reaction is sensible,

given the likelihood that copper has reached a floor. There could still be some downward pressure as investors who took over long Sumitomo positions reduce their holdings. But demand for base metals is said to be buoyant in Asia and rising in Europe, although America could weaken. While the looks broadly favourable, the bulls tend to ignore the supply side which is also looking buoyant.

RTZ is not the only mining group with ambitious expansion plans and copper is ready for a production surge with huge mines in Chile expected to come on stream. The merger with CRA reduced RTZ's exposure to the

metal from 42 per cent to 30 per cent of profit.

With copper prices stable or falling the argument to buy RTZ shares remains a flight to quality. CRA has reinforced that effect as Australians tend to value mining stocks more aggressively and view RTZ as top of the heap. Whether that justifies a 20 per cent premium to the market is questionable.

United Biscuits

UNITED BISCUITS results did, as hoped, show that recovery is under way, particularly in the UK. But the news fiendishly fickle markets the company has to deal with. and what cunning competitors lurk in the bush.

Australian sales of snacks produced by PepsiCo, makers of the very successful Walkers crisps, shot up in the last six months because of the introduction of Tazos, little plastic gifts that kids love to

ready taken Britain by storm. Eric Nicoli, UB chief executive, described what happened in Australia in the last half as "the commercial equivalent of a nuclear

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Australia is a large market for UB accounting for most of its Asia Pacific sales, UB had hoped to see good growth this year in Australia, but those hopes have been dashed. Instead, recovering market share has become its priority. UB's Australian market

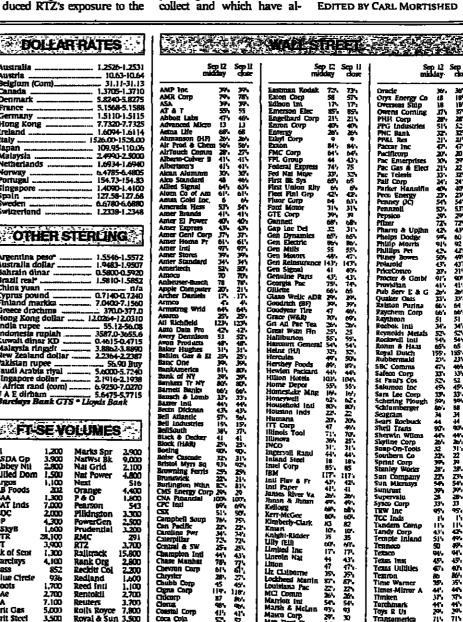
share has gone from 56 per cent to 52.5 per cent, UB remains in a strong position and is confident that its ren Tazos - car glow in the dark and which it has called Oddbodz - will mean it can recover lost market share.

But even if it does, the episode does not cast UB in a good light. UB will have to spend a lot on promotion. It cannot afford to be caught on the hop again.

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Midlands, Scotland and Wales as

manufacturing shed two million jobs. In the 1990s, middle-class, white-

collar workers in the South have been

hit too. Over the past five years,

government studies show that more

than ten million people, well over a third of the workforce, experienced at

least one spell of unemployment,

indicating that joblessness has now touched most households, directly or

indirectly, through friends, or family.

One in five households in Britain

with working age people currently has no adult in paid employment.

out yesterday, employment is up. LFS

figures show that in the three years to

last winter, the number in employ-

ment rose by 724,000, or 3.4 per cent,

to 21.9 million. Of those, as Mr Waldegrave was also right to claim, most were permanent jobs — 430,000

But it is the acceleration of more

flexible and, as employees see it,

more insecure employment that un-

derlies greater insecurity. The rise in

permanent jobs may be bigger in

terms of actual numbers than tempo-

rary jobs, but proportionately, temporary work saw a 23 per cent increase over the period and perma-

nent work a rise of only 2 per cent.

Even full-time, permanent employees

know that many around them are temporary and vulnerable. And that

in turn increases the vulnerability of

Within the total of permanent jobs,

too, by far the larger increase has

been in part-time work: up by

364.000, or 8.2 per cent, out of the

total, while full-time jobs went up by

only 66,000, or 0.4 per cent. Two

thirds of the extra people at work

since unemployment began to fall are

Even for those in work, the average

length of time they stay in a job is falling. In 1975, average job tenure

was six years, one month. Now it is

those in permanent jobs.

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Distillers and Suntory.
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in the takeover bid. Together, Highland and Suntory held 51 per cent of Macailan. They formed a joint venture company to acquire remaining shares at a discount to the market price. Acting together, they could, as majority shareholders, remove dissidents from the board. What then is to stop shareholders in any other company from acting in concert to wield a majority of votes and force a takeover to the direct and immediate prejudice of the remainder of minority

shareholders? Yet the Takeover Panel failed to act. Not only has this resulted in desolation in the many households of newly redundant whisky workers in Speyside, it should also be the subject of immediate investigation by the Government through an independent body of experts including representatives of major institutional investors.

Burns Cottage, Lossiemouth.

creasing, but certainly not in the high streets of this country, where shopkeepers mourn the spending levels of past years, and charity shops are the only ones to flourish.

Consolidated unaudited results

Sales increased by £89 million (14%) in the department store division and £93 million (14%) in Waitrose supermarkets.

Pre-tax profit increased by £33 million (72%).

Profit sharing

Allocation between retentions and profit sharing is determined when the results for the year are known.



Shoe boss

on song THE British Shoe Corpo-

ration, the hard-up foot-wear leg of Sears, appears to have got off on the wrong fool after splashing out £40,000 on corporate entertainment for this weekend. Rebecca Cotterell. BSC's managing direcfor, who is hosting dinner for 50 in Hyde Park, where The Last Night of the Proms will be transmitted live, seems to have her diary dates in a muddle; Proms in the Park falls on the same weekend as the Düsseldorf Shoe Fair, a high point in the cordwainery calendar. Some invitees have made their apologies but Cotterell will be outside the Albert Hall waving her Union

Local hero

BILLY CONNOLLY had his nose put out of joint while filming in Iceland for British Gas. The Big Yin was hidden in a trailer away from the press to keep him quiet about the Goldfish credit card, when a local Icelandic TV crew started to lobby British Gas for an interview with "the star". But when Connolly was given permission to decamp from his confine, the Icelandic press pack looked a little down. It wasn't Connolly they wanted to interview, but Sven Niqvist, a cameraman on the set and a massive star in Iceland.



Connolly: confined

Wiped out

RAPIDLY recovering Jeyes Group has launched a booklet to accompany its eponymous liquids expansion into the gardening market. The book details alternative uses for Jeyes Fluid, other than as a household cleaner. Alas, two of the more interesting suggestions have been left out in South African townships, people drink Jeyes Fluid as a morning bracer. And one 80-yearold woman, who used the fluid to cure her warts as a child has bathed in it every day since then.

Special offer

READERS of Cunard World, the magazine sent out yesterday to regular customers of the cruise line, may well have been tempted by the pages featuring cruises on the Cunard Countess to such ideal winter destinations as Martinique. Barbados and St Lucia. Only there's one slight problem -Kvaerner, the Norwegian shipping and engineering group, and Cunard's new owners, announced the £16 million sale of the Cunard Countess earlier this week to Awani Cruise Line an Indonesian company. Cunard has already started making arrangements for passengers booked on the ship after it changes hands at the end of October.

BAD luck NatWest Stockbrokers. The Investors Chronicle 1996 Stockbroker Award for advisory and discretionary portfo lio management went to SocGen Investment Management. To rub it in, the winning team of six from SocGen. including Tim Brocklebank-Fowler, Victur Van Boolen and Peter Hancock were the 1995 winners for NatWest winners for Stockbrakers.

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Employment insecurity may make an impact at the polls

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The TUC sees job security as the

key economic

issue, says

Philip Bassett

HEN Britain's union leaders stand up this morning to sing Auld Lang Syne as the traditional end of the TUC conference in Blackpool, its opening words -Should auld acquaintance be for got? -- will be sharply pointed in the light of the clash between unions and their old acquaintances in the Labour Party over new strike measures.

But the unions' anger is not just at their feeling of being outmanoeuvred, upstaged and bested by the party leadership - though they have been - but also because the row has obscured much of the unions' own work-based agenda for the week, and in particular what they see as the central economic issue of job security.
William Waldegrave. Treasury
Chief Secretary, yesterday added fuel
to the fire by insisting, in a speech in
the City, that the Government's

programme of labour market deregulation has led directly to job creation. Mr Waldegrave admitted it would be crazy to deny that people had

feelings of job insecurity, but he insisted the picture was nowhere near as bleak as it is painted. The worst way to try to tackle those feelings would be to take "allegedly benign" actions to protect jobs, such as signing the European social chapter, as both Labour and the unions are proposing, he said.

United, Labour and the unions hit back, with Peter Hain, Labour employment spokesman, saying: "Job insecurity is endemic." Attacking the "revolving door economy" of fast firings, he said: "Mr Waldegrave is guilty of catastrophic complacency.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, head of Unison, the TUC's biggest union, said: "According to Waldegrave, Britain's labour markets are full of happy people in well-paid, stable jobs, relishing the opportunities of the free market. For the fat cats, that's absolutely true. But everyone else has

to confront a very different reality." Is job insecurity endemic, or is it as Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, insisted, merely a "state of mind"? Is the new labour market. with its allegedly greater flexibility, a permanent reason job insecurity will be here to stay? Or is it, in the economic dynamism that its adherents say flexibility engenders, the

new means to new jobs? Paul Gregg, of the London School of Economics, says: "Job insecurity is not a state of mind. It is real." In Blackpool this week trade unionists gave example after example of the new job market: people working in textiles for El.20 an hour, and fired at whim: in retailing, in hotels, in distribution, in catering; in engineering and in construction too. And in





The views of William Waldegrave, left, on job security clash sharply with those of Gordon Brown

HOW SAFE IS YOUR JOB? POLL EVIDENCE Jobs are less secure now than two years ago CONSERVATIVE VOTERS MEN f I lost my job, it would be very difficult to find a new one as good WOMEN 1995 (average) TRADE LINION MEMBERS

"Nowhere is now safe," said Roger Lyons, head of MSF, the general technical union. With unemployment falling again this week by 15.600 to 2.11 million, the lowest level for more than five years, labour market analysts are struggling with the question of why feelings of job insecurity

should be so widespread. Mr Waldegrave's claims clash sharply with Labour. Gordon Brown. the Shadow Chancellor, asserts that "the dominant feature of British economic life is widespread insecurity. Thousands are experiencing downward mobility, millions live in

fear of losing their job".
Figures from NOP this week show almost three fifths of British voters believe their jobs are less secure than they were two years ago and 55 per cent believe that jobs will be less secure again in two years' time.

banking, insurance, and finance. may now have recanted their previous espousal of the theory, but British companies have yet to follow suit. MSF says that a new survey of its representatives in 400 workplaces around Britain shows that two thirds say their company employs fewer people than it did five years ago. About the same number believe that downsizing is bad for their company.

Unions, of course, may be part of the problem, as analysis published by The Times this week suggested: a clear association between areas of union strength and lower employment growth. Ministers insist, too, that moves like yesterday's indication from Brussels that the European Commission wants to remove the derogations that apply to UK employees such as junior doctors and transport workers from the 48-hour working time directive, which Labour and the unions approve, will lead to further job losses - as will more strikes like those in the Post Office

and the railways. While unemployment has now been falling roughly since the end of 1992, the Government's Labour Force Survey shows that more than four million people in Britain still want a job -- about twice

Even after several years of economic recovery now, one in ten men are still officially unemployed and still actively seeking work - while many more have dropped out of the labour market altogether. The Employment Policy Institute points out that the rise in the number of "economically inactive" men is equal to half the fall in male unemployment from its peak at the end of 1992. Education is sucking in some, but so-called early retirement is taking up many people in a move that many see as hidden unemployment. Unemployment has spread its net more widely than it did in the 1980s recession. Then it was largely a phenomenon of the old

five years and two months. Tenure has gone up slightly for women, as more have returned to work earlier after having children. But for men it has plummeted, from eight years three months in 1975 to six years now. a drop of 25 per cent in two decades. Within increasingly sharp global

competitiveness, greater economic inactivity, still high unemployment, a rise in non-core forms of employment and falling job tenure all add up to greater insecurity. Business may like flexibility this offers but is worried about the impact on loyalty and recruitment and training costs, and so is becoming more equivocal about it than some politicians.

A substantial slice of the evidence runs against Mr Waldegrave, though that will not stop him repeating his claims, and the issue of jobs and job security will remain at the fore in the run-up to the general election.

Not everyone would agree with John Monks, TUC General Secretary, when he says job insecurity is rampant. But as the TUC's leaders return to dealing with the realities of work, there are growing numbers who prefer his analysis to that of Mr Waldegrave and that may have its own impact at the polls.

BUSINESS. LETTERS.

Implications of Macallan bid

From Mrs Margaret Ewing MP for Moray (SNP Parliamentary Leader) Sir. The circumstances leading to the takeover of Macalian should concern every institutional and small investor in the land. All small minority share-holders saw the value of their holding slashed from 187p to 152.5p as a result of the actions of Highland

said (The Times, August 22), before the takeover. Highland Distillers acquired a 26 per cent stake in Macallan from Remy Cointreau. He did not mention that Highland were shareholders in Remy nor that the price paid was used in retrospect to justify the discounted price paid

Yours faithfully, MARGARET EWING.

High street myth

From Mr Walter Felman Sir, "High street trade at best levels since 1980s says ber 6).

Retail sales may be in-

When will the CBI and the press realise that people don't spend their money in the high streets any longer? Yours faithfully. WALTER FELMAN. Marc Ashley Ltd. 59-61 The Broadway, NW7.

Downsizing gurus, such as Ste-phen Roach, the Wall Street analyst. Gucci survives family feud to be a fashion icon again

omenico De Sole is a survivor of one of the of recent years: the bitter infighting that racked Gucci. the luxury goods maker.

Signor De Sole, now presi-dent and chief executive of Gucci Group, witnessed the two wings of the Gucci family battle for control in the 1980s - only to see the investment bank that bought the loser's half-share take on the winner. He says: "I say jokingly that we had World War I and World War II at Gucci. I am a veteran of both. World War I was inter-family feuding. World War II was Maurizio

Gucci and Investcorp."

An engaging Harvard-educated Italian who combines American frankness with the old-fashioned courtesy of his native Rome, Signor De Sole, 51, can afford to make light of his experience. Having taken Gucci 100 per cent public this year, he has repositioned the troubled company with one of the fastest turnrounds in fashion industry history, making its popular brand name and interlocking GGs a powerful engine of growth.

\$500.1 million in fiscal 1995, a jump of almost 90 per cent from fiscal 1994's \$263.6 million. Signor De Sole says he is "comfortable" with analysts' projections of \$800-\$840 million in sales for the current year, with earnings per share of around \$2.25.

-1 brought to Italy a very American approach to business," he explains. "I am very open. No games. No politics. I communicate very aggressively, I have strong feelings. I lived through the problems Gucci had. I know what I do not want." He was a tax

James Bone on a man who gives value with a famous luxury name



Domenico De Sole ties Gucci to quality at a fair price

prestigious Washington law firm, when he was recruited by Maurizio Gucci in 1984 to head Gucci America Inc, then under investigation by the US Internal Revenue Service.

With Maurizio Gucci feuding with his uncle Aldo and cousin Paolo for control of the parent company, Signor De Sole struck a \$20 million deal with the tax man and revived US sales from \$45 million in 1984 to \$140 million by the end of the decade.

When the Bahrain-based Investcorp bought a half-share in the parent company in 1987, Signor De Sole soon became trapped in a new battle between the investment bank and the remaining half-owner, Maurizio Gucci. He professes personal affection for Maurizio Gueri

in Milan last year in an attack believed to be linked to a casino deal. But even before Maurizio Gucci sold to Investcorp in 1993, the two had fallen out over the company's

ummoned to Florence by Investcorp, Signor De Sole was named general director of Gucci Group in October 1994 and became president and CEO in July 1995. He describes the three

ingredients of his success as style, quality, and value. He says: "We felt Gucci had to become a fashion leader. That was the first decision we took. The second thing was the quality. The third, which has been underestimated, was that

brand. I think we offer great products at a great price.

Once in charge, he cancelled the plastic and canvas products that had devalued the Gucci name; toured Tuscany to restore confidence of the small artisans who assemble many of Gucci's leather goods; and spent heavily on advertising. Gucci also hit gold with Tom Ford, an American hired as design director in 1990 and promoted to creative director in 1994. Ford's velvet hiphuggers and satin shirts made Gucci chic for Hollywood stars and pop musicians in a way it had not been since the Fifties and Sixties. The new fashion wunderkind, Ford won the Council of Fashion Designers of America's 1995 International Designer Award

and a host of other prizes. With Gucci still selling far fewer leather goods than Louis Vuitton and fewer silks than Hermes, Signor De Sole believes the company has plenty of opportunities to continue its explosive growth. He points to Germany as one major unexploited market, and says there is also potential in Japan. The company is exploring fastgrowing emerging markets such as China and Russia, and by the middle of fiscal 1997 plans to have opened 20 new Gucci stores worldwide. As part of the programme of refurbishing existing outlets. Signor De Sole plans to expand Gucci's London shop in Sloane Street, which he says performs very well."

He expresses pride that the turnaround was achieved by people like himself and Tom Ford. "I think in business you don't want too many people, You want a few people well-

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Department stores and Waitrose supermarkets

for the half year ended 27July 1996

	1996 £ரா	1995 £m	change %
Sales (including VAT)	1468.0	1286.6	14
Trading profit	90.2	57.8	56
Interest	12.1	12.3	
Profit before taxation	78.1	45.5	72
Taxation Preference dividends	27.5 0.1	13.9 0.1	
Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions	50.5	31.5	60

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■ MUSIC 1 A muted cheer as the Halle Orchestra opens Manchester's new concert hall, the Bridgewater



■ MUSIC 2

The Proms hears an exhilarating performance of Messiaen's vast Turangalila Symphony





MUSIC 3

... and, in complete contrast, an airy and supple concert of little-heard Bach choral music



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hangs off a jade-green um-

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air currents like a dande-

lion seed. The rest of the elfin retinue tiptoe around

in rainbow-hued silken liv-

Adrian Noble's A Mid-

summer Night's Dream is

back again and soon on

tour. Unfortunately the new

cast are not choice players.

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■ THEATRE

Adrian Noble's Midsummer Night's Dream production seems off-colour on its return

MUSIC: Gerald Larner is distinctly underwhelmed by the Halle's new home, the Bridgewater Hall

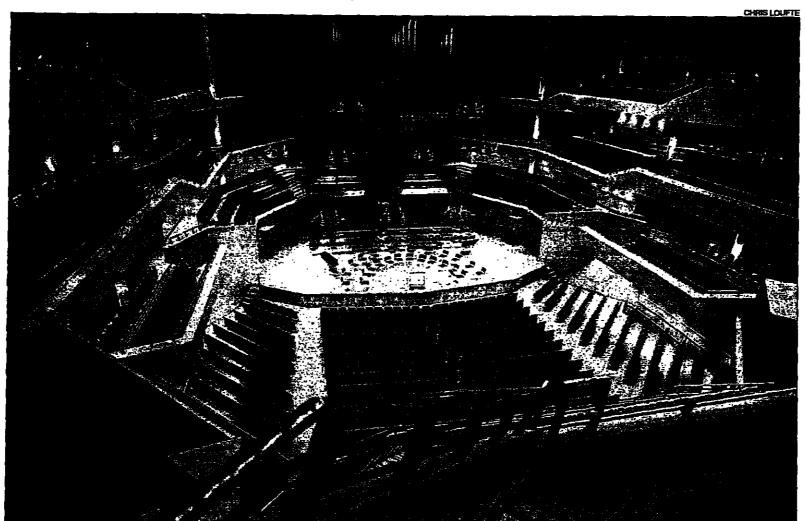
Distant voices, stilted vibes

et's just start again, shall we? Or better still let's not have a formal start at all. Let's wander into the Bridgewater Hall one day, take a good seat for a well-designed programme and afterwards find the space to reflect on the accumulated impressions. without having them immediately jostled by a brass band in the fover. We should then be able to admire the qualities of the hall, the taste of those who run it and the discrimination of those who promote concerts

in the meantime, for what it is worth after an openingconcert experience based on none of those conditions, I can tell you that whereas the Marple Band in the groundfloor foyer was very loud, the Hallé Orchestra in the auditorium itself sounded disappointingly remote - at least from where I was sitting.

In spite of the heroic vocal efforts of Thomas Allen and the Hallé Choir, Belshazzar's Feast made far less than its authentic impact. Clearly there is nothing magical about the Bridgewater Hall: the vineyard terracing, designed to increase capacity while enhancing intimacy, does not have the desired effect.

Early reports of the Arup acoustic indicated that it was lively but bass-heavy. Efforts made since then to reduce the bass seem to have tarned the whole spectrum. I am assured. on the other hand, that the instrumentalists on the platform can hear each other, which is an important feature, since it will surely give them the confidence to seek out the positive qualities of the acoustic and play them for all they are worth. This is certainly what the Halle did in the Free



The anditorium of the purpose-built Bridgewater Hall may accommodate large audiences but its acoustic still leaves a great deal to be desired

So my immediate "take me back to the Free Trade Hall" reaction on hearing that orchestra play the Enigma Vari-ations in the first half of the opening concert in the Bridgewater Hall must be dismissed as premature. Besides. Kent Nagano seemed to be presenting the score more for its

obviously sensational effects. And it is true, all those subtleties were clearly audible even two tiers up on the left. Also clearly noticeable, at the end of the louder variations, was a very healthy reverberation time. The problem was in reconciling the irrefutable evidence that this is not a dry subtleties than for its more acoustic with the unexciting occasion from George Benja- scored Sometimes Voices (for what hadn't hit them.

effect of orchestral music performed within it. But not even Birmingham's Symphony Hall, whose supremacy so far remains unchallenged, sounded at its best at this stage.

An unfortunate victim of the opening arrangements in Manchester was the new work specially commissioned for the

ed to hear, after Elgar's dread version of the national anthem, was something to make a big splash — a Pomp and Circumstance march, perhaps, or the Walton Crown Imperial offered as an encore.

min. What the audience want-

Following something of that kind, Benjamin's beautifully

baritone soloist, chorus and orchestra), which eschews fanfares for the poetry of Caliban's "sounds and sweet airs that give delight and hurt not", would have made its sensitive point. In the event, eloquent though William Dazeley was in the solo role, the first-night audience were left wondering

A similar ambivalence informs Messiaen's Turangalila Symphony,

the massive ten-movement structure

of which seems to embrace a cosmos

of ecstasy, both creative and destruc-tive. Some performances make it

seem more prolix, even tedious, than others. Tortelier's was so

The forest seems tame. Ian Hughes's fey Puck lacks animal muscularity. Leigh Lawson's Oberon combines a rich voice with a whine

TITANIA'S dream-bower is but his jealousy never a huge fuchsia-pink umbrella stuffed with cush-young lovers tend to play their confused passions for laughs. That said, Katy Brittain's Hermia shines out, tearfully shaken when jilted and roaring mad about being dwarfish.

Noble brings out the carcus slapstick in these scenes. Hermia and Rebecca Egan's tall, huffy Helena are a comic double act. Lysander and Demetrius (John Lloyd-Fillingham and

This revival seems off-col-our, for all THEATRE A Midsummer Night's Dream

sign. The forest Barbican can be magical, an empty space hung with lightbulbs that wink like glowworms, yet fairyland seems cheap at points. Ward's minimalist vision avoids fussy, flowery outfits but it is hard to believe in a bouffant-blonde woodland queen got up in a pink sheath dress while speaking lyrically of hoary-headed frosts, sweet summer buds and meteorological chaos. Amanda Harris does her best with natural fulsomeness and regal airs, but this Titania is more Cosmopolitan than cosmic.

Matthew MacFadyen) are liberatedly silly, slamwith ming doors the in each othginal er's faces. knocked flat ping: by the young trifle anicals ham

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up their silliness before being allotted their amdram parts. Christopher Benjamin, if not the most adorable Bottom, is an amusing ass with huge buck teeth and sprouting ears and whiskers from his vintage crash helmet. Pyramus and Thisbe turns up some surprise stars: Snout (Mike Burnside) as the "sweet and lovely wall" is amusingly taken aback by such ardent praise. Sean McKenzie plays the nor-mally apologetic Lion with a serious snarl. If only, back in the wood, everyone had let rip with as much abandon as Snug.

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Unfussy: Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Harris

BBC PROMS: A 20th-century treat by a French composer, and a welcome performance of Bach from Belgium HENRI Dutilleux does not even rate A foretaste of Henri

a mention in two of the best-known histories of Western music, yet he is undoubtedly one of the major French composers of the century. Now in his eightieth year, Dutilleux has at last begun to make the breakthrough, and among the lead-ing proponents of his music are Yan Pascal Tortelier and the BBC Phil-

Not only have they recorded his music, but they are presenting a number of his works in a Berlioz/Dutilleux festival in Manchester next month. Wednesday

night's Prom offered a taster of that celebration with a performance of the violin concerto L'arbre des songes by Olivier Charlier. The work may have been inspired by a poem of Baudelaire's, but the subtitle ("The Tree of Dreams") offers a clue. according to the composer, in that the constant multiplication and

renewal of its branches is the lyrical

BBC PO/Tortelier Albert Hall

That fertility of invention is evident throughout the work. The solo part of the fleet, mercurial second movement, brilliantly dispatched by Charlier at times proclaims its allegiance to Stravinsky's Soldier's Tale. But that is only part of a rich tapestry, for Dutilleux has remained

Nothing about Dutilleux is predictable or easily categorisable. What, for example, is one to make of the orchestral tuning-up integrated into the third interlude? The intention is clearly humorous but the gesture lacks the biting ironic edge of a Schnittke.

exhilaratingly agile, so wild, in movements such as Joy of the Blood of the Stars that one was swept up into its fervour. Jean-Yves Thibaudet was the irrepressible pianist.

BARRY MILLINGTON

MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT CHINA

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The British Museum's magnificent Mysteries of Ancient China show opens today. Richard Cork continues a daily series highlighting the exhibition's glories

IMAGINARY BIRD

Placed next to the coffin of the Marquis Yi of Zeng, in a tomb dating from the 5th century BC, this exceptional bird seems about to take

Its straight legs appear to be bracing themselves for action, and the two small wings stretch out-wards as if preparing for lift-off. The astonishingly thin, attenuated neck suggests that the bird is a crane, but the antler-like forms curving above its head introduce a surreal dimen-

This is, above all, a legendary bird, and an inscription on the beak discloses that it was "made for the eternal use of the marquis".

nusually large and expensively crafted, the bird was doubtless intended to protect the tomb from evil spirits. But it may also have been meant to transport the spirit of the marquis on his journeys through the universe. Hence the bird's expectant air, resting on a stand cast with refined patterns of clouds and serpents but eager to leave them behind.

All the same, the notion that the marquis would fly off to the heavens on its back must remain speculative. Aerial paradises were thought, at that period, to be the domain of mat period, to be the domain of gods and spirits alone. So the marquis would be fortunate indeed if the bird had carried him away to the stars.

Mysteries of Ancient China, sponsored by The Times, continues at the British Museum to Jan 5. Admission E5: bookings on 0171-120 0000

TOMORROW

A soldier from the astonishing terracotta army



- at least in the field of early music — it is probable that London audiences will have heard many established continental groups only on CD. There was a time, some years ago, when such groups might have stayed away because our wealth of home-grown historically-aware ensembles made visiting Britain seem like taking coals to Newcastle. But nowadays the costs involved are the determining factor. All the more important,

then, that larg-er-scale festi-Collegium Vocale vals and con-Albert Hall cert series such as the Proms

make the effort to bring over much-recorded but rarely heard groups such as Philippe Herreweghe's Collegium Vocale of Ghent, who starred in Tuesday's late evening

Herreweghe and the Colle-gium Vocale recorded their all-Bach programme several years ago and were clearly on familiar ground, although not all the pieces were well-known

Bach's Mass in G minor is essentially a compilation of previously composed cantata movements, slightly reworked to accommodate the Latin text of the Kyrie and Gloria. Thanks to undue emphasis, stemming from the aesthetic values of the later 19th century, on the "work" as an original masterpiece of inspiration. Bach scholars and performers have generally dismissed the piece as no more than an example of the hardpressed composer having to borrow from his own musical

great for having been taken down from the shelf, as was proved by the bubbly and highly original opening chorus of the Gloria (which Herreweghe repeated as a very enthusiastically received

The Collegium Vocale, with its airy, supple approach, was at its best here. Elsewhere, notably in the motet Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf, and despite orchestral doubling of the vocal lines, a little more weight would have been welcome. Attention to the rhetoric of the text was, however,

excellent throughout, especially in the strikingly beautiful cantata with which it opened the programme. Herr, Gehe Nicht ins Gericht (BWV 105).

Of the quartet of soloists, the counter-tenor Andreas Scholl was outstanding, making his second memorable contribution to this year's Proms. In addition to an exceptionally clear and honeyed sound, Scholl has a remarkable sense

of vocal line, his phrasing immaculate but not so shortbreathed as to become mannered, as was the case to some extent with the American tenor James Taylor.

Peter Kooy is in many ways an ideal Bach bass (not many of those around), and the young soprano Vasiljka Jezovsek has a very promising future in this kind of repertoire - like Scholl, a sweettoned but well focused and lithe voice. All in all, a very enjoyable evening of Bach that was clearly much appreciated by the Prommers: more next year, please.



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CHOICE 1

Sir Georg Solti brings Beethoven's Ninth Symphony to the Proms

VENUE: Tonight at the Albert Hall



■ CHOICE 2

Now open: the first retrospective of Rachel Whiteread's work

VENUE: Now at the Tate Gallery, Liverpool

MANCHESTER First regional production of Newn Eyot 9 ourstanding good and serious comedy about gay lite and loves. My Night With Reg Library St Peter's Square (0161-236 7110) Opens tonight. 8pm Then Mon-Thurs, 7 30pm. Fin and Sat, 8pm, mass Wed (Sep 25), 3pm. Sets 4pm

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NORWICH Scottlish Ballet's aurumn tour of short ballets. Sweat, Barroque and Roll: leaturing Haydin Preces, Mark Baldwin's first production for the company, Four Seasons, a new work created by Robert Cohan; and Robert

North's tongue-in-cheek display of male strenth and machismo. Troy Garne Theatre Royal, Theatre Street (§ 101603 63000). Tonight and lomotrow, 7 30pm; mat Sat. 2.30pm. Next in Street (§ 101603 63000).

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■ DANCE

Rare birds: a very different sort of Swan Lake makes its debut in the West End



■ CABARET

In the Café Royal, Annie Ross proves her acting as well as her singing skills

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96: On the penultumate night of the Proms (tongth; 6 45pm), Jane Glover conducts the BBC Singers in Bruchner's glorious choral music; with John Scott on the organ Beethoven's magnificent Choral Symptomy follows after the intervel Sit Geom Soft month set the BBC Strates. Georg Soll conducts the BBC Singers, London Voices and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with Decorah Volgs, soprano, Anne Solle von Otter, mezzo-soprano, Johan Botha, tenor, and flene Pape, bass, And so to the comp, and irrograms. Singers, BBC Symphony Charus and the BBC Symphony Orchestra are Felicity Lott, sopreno, Ann Murray, mezzo-sopreno, Joanne MacGiegor,

piano, and John Wallace, trumpet conductor is Andrew Dave Albert Hall, Kansington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212) Tonight and tomorrow PROMS IN THE PARK: The second PROMS IN THE PARK: The second half of the Last Night of the Prome will be broadcast (from 9 15pm), live from the Albert Half, to two gent screens in Hyde Park, near Marble Arch On stage, from 7 30pm, will be James Calway, Mana Ewing, kaha and Manelle Labeque and the BBC convect Orchestra.

Tickets (0171-413 3571, or from the Albert Half), Tomorrow, from 4pm

LA BOHEME. John Copley's production of Pucani's classed yerker launches the Royal Opera House's Golden Jubilee season

BY JEEVES. Delightful musical creation by Alan Aychbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, besed on the Wodehouse heroes first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised.
Dute of York's, St Martin's Lane, W1
(0171-836 5122) Mon-Sat_7 45pm.

FAUST Parts 1 and 2 Michael Bogdanov's mighty two-pert production of Goethe's drama, with Michael Feast in the title role, and Hugh Quarshie. The Pit, Barbican, Sitk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891), Part 1 opens (oday) 2pm; Iomorrow, 2 30pm Part 2 opens today, 7pm, tomorrow, 7 15pm ☐ THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT* Con O'Neil and Paul Jesson in James Garner's new play, set in waronne Poland Directed by John Dove Hampstead, Swess Cottage Centre.

NW3 (0171-722 9301), Mon-Sat, 8pm mats Sat. 3 30cm. M JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN: Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgravo, Elean Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre A mighty cast for fosen's penultimate play, concerned with guilt.

National (Lyttellon), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight and temoreu 7 30pm; mai Sei, 2 15pm; In rep. (3) ☐ KISS THE SKY. Jim Cartenght's flower children enjoy the summer of love Good lunes, bad trip Shepherds Bush Empire, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-740 7474) Last

NEW RELEASES

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LE MEPRIS (15) Gleaming revival of Jean-Luc Godard's 1983 table about intogrity, cineme, men and women. With Brighte Bandor and Michel Picco Everyman (0171-435 1525)

◆ A TIME TO KILL (15): While lawyer defends black man, and the Ku Klui Nan wake up Powerful adaptabon o Ionn Grisham's novel. With Samue L. Jackson, Matthew McConauche and Sandra Bullock Director Joel

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A dally guide to arts compiled by Gillian Maxey

manda Roocroit and Luis Lima lead Affilia Na Indiana and Lara Service this evening's partiomhance, with the Remanan conductor Christian Bedee making his house debut, Sung in Italian Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000), Tonight, 7 30pm.

COLORES DE COLOMBIA Colombia's not artistic and cultural heritage is celebrated on Sohinday and Sunday. Free loyer entertainment, from 12,30-7,30pm, will include Colombian. music, dance troupes, films, children' activities and workshops, This vibiant weekend culminates with a concert on Sunday (Barbican Hell, 7.30pm) by Sunday (Barbcan Hall, 7:30pm) by singler and dancer Toto La Momposna, whose dynamic repertoira is complemented by the earthy musica campesine style of Colina Gonzalez Barbtoon, Silk Sheet, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tomorrow and Sunday.

ELSEWHERE LIVERPOOL: The first survey in Britain of the work of Raichel Whiteread begins loday. The exhibition includes sculptures cast in plaster, rubber and resin, including prints and photographs. of her large-scale work, House Tabe Gelfery Liverpool, Albert Dock (0151-709 3223) Tue-Sun, 10am-6pm

Until January 5, 1997

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London ■ House full, returns only ■ Some seats available Some seats availab

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DANCE: Debra Craine on the West End debut of Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake The death of dreams

in commercial terms. Unlike theatre, which moves quite happily from the subsidised to the commercial sectors, dance rarely ventures out into the entertainment marketplace. And when it does go "commercial" the end result is more likely to be Riverdance than Sleeping Beauty. But Swan Lake? That most classical of ballets? In the West End?

Adventures in Motion Pictures, Matthew Bourne's modest contemporary dance troupe, has taken an enormous risk in bringing its Swan Lake into the West End, plopping it down alongside the blockbuster musicals and starry revivals of Shaftesbury Avenue. But then this is no ordinary Swan Lake. This is the Olivier Award-winner that set the dance world tittering last year with its all-male corps de ballet of barechested swans, the one that had people gleefully muttering about a "gay Swan

> Swan Lake Piccadilly Theatre

Lake". Bourne's cheeky contemporary take on the great Romantic fairy-tale was hugely popular when it opened at Sadler's Wells. And it was thanks to the encouragement and generous support of Cameron Mackintosh - a man who knows a good show when he sees one -- that Swan Lake has now ended up at the Piccadilly Theatre.

With its pokes at the House of Windsor and its numerous droll ironies, AMP's Swan Lake is full of delicious humour. But at its heart this is the tale of a sad little Prince who grows up into a latter-day Hamlet, surrounded by malignant influences at court, rejected by his mother, and so awash in melancholy that suicide seems the only release from his despair. He escapes into his dreams, where he finds liberation and empowerment in the Swan - not the icon of female beauty in the 19th-century original but a potent image of masculine strength.

At the end of Act II the Prince appears to have found what he has been searching for when the Swan offers to feed his hungry heart. But in Act III's royal ball the Prince's idealistic love turns sour: the Swan transmogrifies into a violent and sexually voracious stranger in tight leather trousers who seduces everyone in

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sight, including the Oueen. Seeing his dream become nightmare, the jealous Prince is pushed over the edge into insanity. In the savage finale disintegration is complete; both Prince and

To brand this a "gay Swan Lake" is to do Bourne an injustice. Although there is no denying the gay sensibility of the surface love story. Bourne is careful to avoid overt homoeroticism in his choreography for the "white" pas de deux. And the heartbreaking images which open and close the ballet make it clear that his Swan Lake is ultimately about the death of idealism, and the death of dreams.

In showbiz terms, this is pretty dazzling stuff (as are Lez Brotherston's bold Fifties-inspired designs). Some of Bourne's best writing comes in the flashy numbers of Act III — the bodyslapping finale to the black swan pas de deux, for instance - that have a wit and pizzazz in the best Broadway tradition. His handling of the swans is inventive and effective, with rows of fierce-eyed birds propelled forward on wings of intimidation. And his staging is very clever indeed (which is why theatre people love this piece so much). But what Bourne lacks is the breadth of

language to illuminate the great set

pieces of emotional resonance, and

some of Tchaikovsky's most lavishly revealing moments are matched by an inexpressive physicality.

Every member of the first-night cast was superb. Scott Ambler's Prince is one of the finest portrayals you will see on a West End stage - dancing or otherwise. Fiona Chadwick, the former Covent Garden ballerina. is the mother-Queen from hell; and the current Royal Ballet star Adam Cooper is still

the sexiest swan in the business. The New London Orchestra, conducted by David Frame, produced a wonderfully full and vibrant sound in the pit, despite having only 30 musicians at its disposal.

Sophisticated lady

temporary world-view of Doc Pomus and Dr John - there is little point in tinkering merely for the sake of novelty. A pity, though, that she still

clings to Music Is Forever, a maudlin catalogue - co-written with Russ Freeman - of the many jazz greats who have played their final bars. Ella Fitzgerald is, alas, the latest addition to the list Ross's intentions are admirable and certainly it takes some Annie Ross Café Royal

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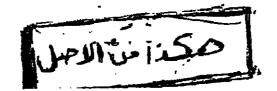
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POP: David Sinclair talks to Mike Mills about R.E.M.'s return from the brink of death; plus new albums

Fables of the resurrection

Wiitten off after the setbacks of the past year, R.E.M. are back at the top of the charts. Post-traumatic for the people?

of life-threatening illnesses on last year's Monster tour, battered by the diparture this summer of comanage and "fifth band member" Jefferson Holt, drifting apart as individuals, and about to reach the end of their recording contract with Warner Bros ... It is hard to believe pat this was the unremittingly leak picture of R.E.M. being panted just two months ago.

Howeer, with their universally acclaimed album New Adventures in Hi-Finewly installed at the top of the chart this week, and a fresh recording contract with Warners, said to be worth a tidy \$80 million. in the bae, it seems the obituaries were a bi premature. And after an hour in conversation with the band's etallient bass and keyboard player Mke Mills, the very idea that R.E.M. might be about to throw in the towel simply seems

That was never an option. All it takes is fo one magazine to write a story about us breaking up, and everybodyassumes they must have a reason for writing that story, therefore | must be true. But it's total bullslit. The fact is that when Bill Berry was ill, our dominant concern was his health. But when you're fact with mortality like that, you have to consider the future. Would Bill still be able to play? Would he still want to play? But nobod ever said, 'Oh my God!

Let's quit the band'." No sooner had Berry recovered from brainsurgery in March 1995 to clip a ruptured aneurysm, than emergency laparotomy to release an adhesiol on his intestine. Weeks later, when singer Michael Stipe was admitted to hospital with a hernia, jus after the band had played a slow in Prague that had already ben postponed twice, it began to lock as if R.E.M. had truly

offended their gods. Everyboly started saying the band was cirsed or something. But any of thee things could and would have happened under any other circunstances. If I'd been sitting at hope watching television. I would have got those adhesions

'At the end of the day it made us realise how much we cared about each other and it made us realise that the mot important things to us regarding the band are firstly our friendsho with each other and secondly the great things that we can do together musically. We've come through far too much in the past 15 yearsto let illness break us up. We're no quiners."

On the subject of Holt's departure, Mills will say only that he is not allowed to talk about it for legal reasons. "We made an agreement when we settled that none of us would talk alout what happened."

He is upbeat, in a matter-of-fact way, about the new recording contract with Warners, which secures the band's services for a further five albums. "As you well know, nobody sits down and writes us out a cheque for \$80 million. That's not what happens. The potential value of the deal, somewhere down the road, could approach \$80 million. But it's just a figure. It has nothing to do with why we make music. We won't make five records just because we have to. If we think we're starting to smell like dead fish as a band then we'll certainly reconstruct the

Of course, all bands say that, but very few actually pack it in while they are ahead. Certainly, there are no signs of middle-age spread on the aptly titled New Adventures in Hi-Fi, much of which was written and partly recorded during soundchecks and in sundry locations while the group was on the road. Mills is a youthful 37 and the average age of the band is now pushing 40. Can they sustain the momentum that has earned them the annual Q magazine award of Best Act in the World Today on three occasions?

here's no road map for growing old as a rock 'n' roller. The Rolling Stones have taken one way, which is to make the tours more important than the albums. Another route is the one taken by Leonard Cohen or Van Morrison. They don't try to rock out like energetic kids, because that's not very powerful music. So there are various ways of approaching it. I'm very curious to see how we do it, but I certainly can't tell you how we'll do it now.

Presumably, a key factor in maintaining the magic must be the preservation of the unique personal chemistry that exists between the four of them. Mills, Stipe and Berry still live in and around Athens, Georgia (guitarist Peter Buck has moved to Seattle), but surely they must, by now, have shed the gang mentality that sustains all the best bands in their early days?

"As you get older, you each develop a more separate identity. That's inevitable. But the thing that keeps it going is the shared history that you have that nobody else knows. That never goes away. The experience of going out there, sink or swim, putting everything on the line to feed yourself ... those are the things that, if you've been through it as a young band, give you the strength that you need to carry it off later on."

New Adventures In Hi-Fi is out on Warner Bros • R.E.M.'s Road Movie (£12.99) will be released on video by Warner Vision on September 30



Mike Mills of R.E.M.: "Everybody started saying the band was cursed or something"

(Columbia) EXUDING a sense of destiny that colourful assortment of outlaws. is almost palpable. Kula Shaker have swept up on British pop's mayericks and the like? But dull BR5-49 are not Applyblind-side with so little help and ing youthful vigour and modern playing techniques to the lost art of such uncrying force that there is western swing and 1950s rockabil-ly, they continue to breathe new life little left for the rest of us to do but gasp in wonder. Although critiinto a neglected genre. cised for treading the same path as

Shaker, the

money-maker

retro-specialists Ocean Colour Scene and the Charlatans, Kula Shaker have nevertheless struck a chord with younger fans who long to hear such traditional sounds produced by musicians of their

own age-group.

Constructed and played with enthusiastic brilliance, K is one of those rare albums that will become a touchstone for a generation, marking the point at which the simple verities of Britpop gave way to an altogether heavier and more psychedelic-sounding brand of Britrock. The parallel point in the 1960s would be when "progressive"

heavyweights such as Chicago Transit Authority, Jethro Tull and Santana took over the reins from beat-boom groups such as the Yardbirds and

the Animals. There are plenty of memorable choruses such as on Into the Deep and Start All Over, which rub shoulders with blasts of pummelling, high-voltage rock n' roll, nota-bly the singles Hey Dude and Grateful When You're Dead. And they spin a neat line in pseudo-Indian mysticism on Govinda and Sleeping Jiva. But what really sets the album apart is the way in which the numbers

all contribute to the sense of an epic tale unfolding, especially the exotic textures of Tativa and mysterious portents of Temple of the Everlasting Light.

ZZ TOP

Rhythmeen (RCA 7432) 394662)

IT IS a fine line between smart and stupid, as the man once said, and ZZ Top continue to tread it with regal aplomb. "Her castanets are enormous/ Her bongo beat absolute," growls Billy Gibbons on She's Just Killing Me, a meat-andpotatoes, blues-rock groove which, like many others on Rhythmeen, prompts a mild sense of dejd vu.

The album is dotted with the various madcap splashes of colour and humour that set the trio apart from the heavy-rock herd. Gibbons plays the whole of Loaded with what sounds like a faulty guitar lead, the instrument stuttering in and out of a heavily reverbed mix like a drunk negotiating a route

This is the blues with lashings of special Texan sauce.

(Arista 07822 18818) IS IT a flight number? A mail-order code? Or simply the dullest name in pop, especially for a band from the world of country music with its POP ALBUMS

Seamlessly mixing their own compositions with long forgotten gems by Moon Mullican (Cherokee Boogie) and other old-timers, the band has produced an album to warm the hearts of anyone with even a sneaking affection for the music that provided the original bedrock of rock 'n' roll.

Although perfectly in keeping with the style, the playing time of just 33 minutes seems a trifle modest. But only one serious question remains. Did they have to call the album BR5-49 as well?

VARIOUS ARTISTS Later Volume One: Brit Beat (Island 524298) THE television show Later with



Kula Shaker: sense of destiny

Jools Holland has won admiration for the way in which it encourages musicians from widely differing backgrounds to rub shoulders in a

relaxed studio setting.

But when it comes to marketing a series of albums compiled from recordings of the show, the familiar demarcation lines quickly come into play. Volume One: Brit Beat thus collects performances by the usual roll call of one-word bands -Blur, Oasis, Pulp, Suede, Ash, Supergrass, Cast et al - and associated acts (from Paul Weller to Audioweb), but fans who want to broaden their scope will have to wait for subsequent volumes, including World Beat and Slow Beats, in the coming months.

An entertaining snapshot of one of the most vibrant eras of British pop, Brit Beat underlines the commitment of all these acts to live performance - a clue, perhaps, to the "movement's" striking success? Elastica's version of Car Song is especially brilliant, and Oasis's performance of Wonderwall with Noel Gallagher singing in place of an indisposed Liam - is one of many moments that provide a sense of history in the making.

DAVID SINCLAIR ● Later ... presents Brit Beat, BBC2. 8.30pm. Sunday. Edited repeat at

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R.E.M. (Warner Bros) New Adventures in Hi-Fi. The Smurts Go Pop! Coming Up The Score (What's the Story) Morning Glory?.. Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone

Winning selection of score draws

COLIN TOWNS' MASK ORCHESTRA Nowhere & Hjaven (Provocateur Records

PVC 1013) LIKE Towns sdebut big-band jazz album, released to uniformly enthusiastic revews last year, Nowhere & Heaven is packed with the graceful, subtil evocative but surprisingly accessible themes which have made him one of Britain's leading film and television composers. enthusiastially and faultlessly

played by a 17-piece band drawn from the country's top jazz players. The compositions, too, range from ambitious tone poems crammed with unexpected felicities of timbre and texture, through cream-smooth ballads to rambunctious

Mingusian flag-wavers.
Unlike its predecessor, however, this double (for the price of a single) album features a vocalist, Maria Pia De Vito, whose moody, silken interpretations of Towns's lyrics and suitably dramatic treatment of JAZZ ALBUMS

a Carol Ann Duffy poem, Standing Female Nude, serve to focus the feeling of wistful melancholy with which much of Towns's work is imbued. His scores for Brother Cadfael and the forthcoming Ivanhoe may reach many more ears than his jazz work, but it is for the wonderfully rich music contained on his big-band albums that Towns is likely to be remembered.

HAWTHORNE-NELSON

(TML Records TML 00i) ALTHOUGH just 28, London-born alto player Vaughan Hawthorne-Nelson might easily have entitled this, his third album, Re-emergence, since it marks his reappearance on the British jazz scene after a seven-year absence during which he absorbed the musical lessons taught him at Berklee, studied counselling psychology and worked in a therapeutic commun ity home for young people.

His is a restless, keening saxophone sound, heavily influenced by John Coltrane. But the astringent tumble of notes which charac-terises Hawthorne-Nelson's most effective work on this intense, deeply-felt album demonstrates an equally profound debt to a living mentor, American alto man Bobby

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Passing the torch song to a new generation

Charles Aznavour as teen idol? Jacques Brel hipper than Jarvis? Life

really is a never-ending cabaret and Scott Walker is the one true god

THERE is a rivival going on at the moment. Not another space of graverobbing retroism – retroism is Kula Shaker using the same effects pedals, harmonies, trousers. haircuts and pilosophies as the Beatles without adding a single new ingradient; kind of like those post restaurants that "reinvent" ish and chips by cooking it exectly like they do at Crystal Klbab Shop on the Holloway Road and charging E17 forit. No, it has nothing to do with that.

Revivalism is all about seeing pop must as a relay race - for instance, mid-1980s punk-pop band the Pixies looked wel on course to world domination before they imploded it 1990, but Kurt Cobain picked up their baton and ran with it all the way to In Utero Brian Wil-

into hibernation from the 1960s onwards, but the Boo Radleys seem to have found a notebook with "My Plan to be a Genius, by Brian Wilson" written on it, and added a couple of astonishing chap-ters. Bananarama had to retire from their ten-year party in 1994, because of the prohibitive costs of babysitters, but the plucky Spice Girls are now drinking, dancing and getting on down in their honour. Revivalism is

about current songwriters

speculating about what their

heroes would sound like if

they lived in, say, West Brom-

son's brain turned into a

hamster called Ian and went

wich in 1996, and then taking things one step further. So in a week when Pulp won yet another award for Different Class, it seems only right to look at the revival of which they are a

part. Cabaret torchsingers and their lush, mordant orchestras are being reappraised after 20 years in the wilderness: Jacques Brei.

Gainsbourg, Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazlewood. Dusty

Springfield and Scott Walk-

er's back catalogues are being

CAITLIN MORAN

Charles Aznavour, Serge

ity shops for 50p and their influence is lending an au-turnual hue to the charts. Different Class fairly recks with their Brechtian moods: Jarvis's stretched phrasing on Live Bed Show is classic Aznavour.

snapped up in char-

and the ghost of Jacques Brel's gloriously filthy tongue is rampant in I Spy, backed by an orchestra who seem to consist entirely of embittered Frenchmen spoiling for a revolution. Following on Pulp's heels

are a dozen newer brands

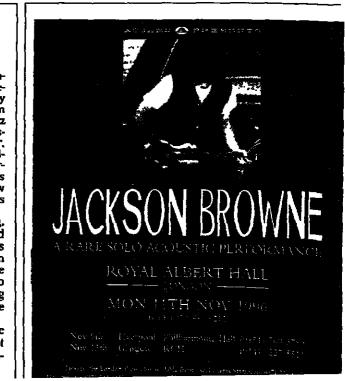
who all obviously faint at the mention of Gene Pitney. The Divine Comedy's Casanova album uses the grandiosity of Scott Walker as a springboard for tales of a raging libido at war with morality/ girls who just are not interest ed; and long-time rivals My Life Story have finally got a record deal for their Mornington Crescent album. allowing frontman and song-writer Jake Shillingford to indulge in the huge orches-

tras and cabaret glamour which obviously delight him. Going further underground, the impossibly beautiful debut album Pioneer Soundtracks by Jack mines

the darker side of torchcabaret: the austere air of pre-and postwar Berlin, shaky spotlights and alcoholism through necessity. White Jazz has Anthony Reynolds hissing "Yes, yes, yes, yes", sounding like a kettle simultaneously boiling and orgasming, while the violinists seem to be trying to saw through their instruments with their hows.

For the same kind of thing, but altogether more wounded and reflective. Tindersticks have been putting out an album a year of exquisite broken cabaret that brings to mind Leonard Cohen singing lullabies in the middle of the Channel Tunnel.

So when you hear it on the radio, remember: this is not retroism, just the continua-



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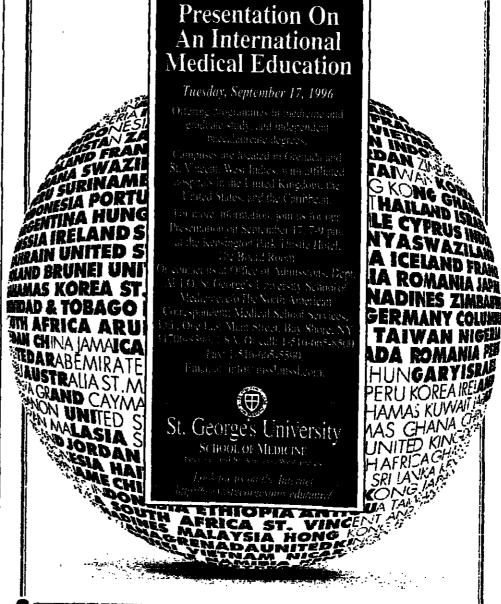
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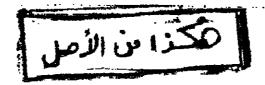
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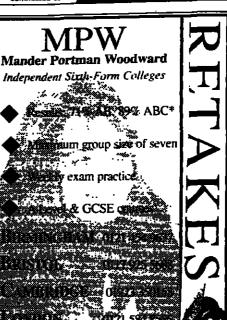


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EDUCATION

City primaries raise standards

Urban schools are doing well despite the exam figures says Simon Midgley

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cademics and school inspectors have long said that pupils in Arich middle-class suburbs are not always doing better educationally than their peers in inner-city schools that take their pupils from disadvantaged catchment areas. Now, for the first time, there is evidence to prove it.

New data on the performance of primary schools in the west London borough of Wandsworth show that some inner-city schools achieve more progress with their dis-advantaged children than ap-parently better-favoured schools do with their advantaged and forward pupils.

Those raising the achieve-ment of their pupils most effectively are not necessarily the schools which achieved the best results in national curriculum tests at the age of seven. Nor, in turn, the data imply, will they be those schools that get the best raw results in the national league tables of achievement for 11-year-old pupils, which the Government plans to publish next March.

Wandsworth council has compared the results of the tests in the autumn at the age of seven last year of 1,700 primary school pupils with their results in tests three years earlier at the age of four.

The comparative data reveal that children start school with widely differing levels of knowledge of English, reading and mathematics, depending on their family backgrounds.

Some schools that appear to have achieved high results in tests at the age of seven were blessed with advantaged intakes three years earlier and might have been expected to have achieved even more progress with those pupils. Dr Stephen Strand Re head of



Pupils at Wandle Primary School in Wandsworth, inner London: making good progress in raising personal achievement

educational research at Wandsworth council, which has just produced a study paper on how children progressed, says that, conversely, some schools in disadvantaged areas have boosted their children's achievement "to an amazing degree and are very effective schools". Once you adjust the children's results at the age of seven for the added value given in their past three years of schooling, Dr Strand says, you get a different idea of which schools are the most

effective Wandsworth is the first educational authority in the country that has been able to set the results of key stage one test results against the children's earlier assessments at the age of four. This is because it was the first education authority to introduce baseline

testing for four-year-olds in 1992. Baseline testing is now done in about half of all LEAs. "Some schools can be complacent," Dr Strand says. "If you have a fairly able intake.

in a fairly affluent middleclass area, you end up getting fairly good raw (key stage one test) results, but there is a danger that maybe you are

HOW PUPILS ARE ASSESSED

WANDSWORTH assesses four-year-olds on their knowledge and skills in the second half of their first term in reception class. The authority guarantees a full-time reception place for every four-year-old in the borough. The assessment consists of two elements. Firstly, a teachercompleted checklist on social and emotional development, early language skills — reading and writing — and early maths. And second, assessments or tests of early literacy are given to groups of three or four pupils. These try to find out whether the children can recognise the difference between letters and numbers. Do they know that you read from the left to the right and the top to the bottom of a page? Do they have advanced knowledge, for example, the difference between capital and lower-case letters? as much as you should be." Conversely, he says, there is also evidence of schools in the more disadvantaged areas making good educational progress. One Wandsworth primary is taking very lowattaining pupils from extremely disadvantaged back-

grounds and the pupils are

making

"phenomenal"

But the study also reveals that even after adjusting pupils' achievements, allowing for factors such as relative poverty, social deprivation, ethnic and gender differences, some schools are still much more effective than others, Dr

The difference between the most effective schools in the horough and the least effective was 0.6 of a national curriculum level. This, put more

the least effective school could be more than one year behind his peer in the most effective school.

"National performance tables can be very misleading if you are going to interpret the raw results as a measure of the school's effectiveness." Dr

The study paper also reveals that not only do girls start school with a higher level of educational achievement than boys, but that they get even further ahead in the first three years of schooling. This suggests, Dr Strand says, that we need to examine what is happening in primary schools, and at home, for an explanation of why there is this

growing gap in achievement. The study also reveals not only that children on free school meals enter primary schools with a lower achieve ment level than other pupils, but that they fall even further behind in the first three years.

On a positive note it found that children for whom English was a second language started school at a much lower baseline of achievement than their monolingual Englishspeaking peers, but rapidly

Dr Strand, who will be presenting his findings to the British Educational Research Conference in Lancaster today, says this probably reflects the substantial amount of support Wandsworth is able to give such children through ection 1) funding.

The authority could publish a league table of the relative achievements of its primary schools at the age of seven adjusted for added value, but it does not for fear of alienating head teachers in the borough's 58 primary schools, But the value added adjusted results for individual schools are made available to heads and to governors. They in turn inform parents of a school's relative strengths

Dr Strand says that pupils who attend schools with relatively good raw results, but are underachieving. might have done better at an effective school with apparently worse results.

Clearing works but almost too well

Record A-level results have not led to chaos, says Catriona Davies

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year approaches, more than 273,000 students have already secured university places. For all the predictions of chaos after record A-level results. the figure is almost exactly the same as last year.

The clearing process which matches to unfilled courses those students who do not have places after examination results are released - is drawing to the end of what looks like its most efficient year. Just over 33,000 applicants have so far found places this way. 2,500 above the figure for the same time last year.

But the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) predicts that the final total will be slightly lower than the

41,000 students using clearing in 1995 because the improved A-level results meant that more students got their first choice. If so, it will be the third successive fall in the numbers of students

using clearing.

The first few days after A-level results are released is a manic period for university admissions departments. most of which open special hotlines to deal with student inquiries. Manchester Metropolitan University, the biggest non-federal institution in the country, took more than 97,500 calls in the first five days after A-level results. Others describe a

short chaotic period, during

which most places are filled. But as the hotlines cool down, and clearing enters its fifth week, many univer-sities are left with the problem of filling courses. Engineering, technology and languages are often difficult to fill at less popular universities. Anne Pinkney, Anglia Polytechnic University's admissions officer, said: "The places seem to be filling more slowly than in previous years." South Bank University last year failed by 400 to meet its target number of students, and this year has had to lower the

More and more subjects are being offered: this year

tions. Yet it is not accompanied by a rise in the number of students taking higher education courses, because of freezes in government funding. So students are being faced with more choice of subject. With so many options, fewer students need to take unpopular courses at unpopular universities, and the places

remain unfilled. This year's improved Alevel results have made it possible for the most popular univeristies to be stricter than ever about taking only students with the required A-level points. The effect of this on less popular univer-sities, and on the whole clearing process, is less clear. Anne Richards of

Central Lancashire thinks the university picked up a lot of students who made CLU an "insurance" option. seem to be Jess Enderby of Ucas attri-

butes the increased number of students so far placed through clearing to a new system intro-

duced this year.
For the first time, clearing opened at the start of July, so students with non-A-level qualifications were able to secure places before the late-August rush. Though the official clear-

ings lists finish for the year this weekend, it will still be possible to secure a university place right up until term starts. Last-minute vacancies sometimes appear at even the most popular courses when students drop out or alter their start by a year. Ucas encourages stu-dents to contact universities directly throughout September and then to fill out a Ucas late-entry form.

Vanessa Bridge, Leeds University's information officer, said: "Places are continually becoming available." Meanwhile, forward-thinking sixth-formers are already applying for 1997 entry. Ucas opened its doors to new year of university applicants on September I. The deadline is October 15 for Oxford and Cambridge and December 15 for all other universities.





Rosemary Runcente, Principal of the Los Angeles elementary school, and what you see as you enter the premises

'Teacher's just been shot'

rmed police arrived 40 sec-onds after Alfredo Perez, a teacher, was shot through the brain by a stray bullet from the street as he taught 23 youngsters in the library of Figueroa Street Elementary School. Los Angeles, Eighteen minutes later, he was on the operating table as a 20-strong crisis team set

about fighting for the school's life. Psychological aid followed first aid as the realisation dawned on staff and students that a much-loved teacher was dying, minutes after the school had begun its day.

Marleen Wong, Los Angeles Unified School District Mental Health Services director, says: A routine begins within 15 minutes of any school disaster. Schools are arranged in clusters of 20 for rapid response, and everyone knows what to do. Medics are summoned for first aid or to pronounce death. Relatives are informed and counselled. The media also need to know."

But school closure is not recommended and the next day is planned carefully. The aim is to keep students and parents informed and to present

the school as a safe place.

Ms Wong explains: "If students are kept away, fear and insecurity will be reinforced. The room in which the incident happened should be changed But if someone has died, their seat is kept for a time, with flowers to allow grief to be ex-

Bitter experience has forced the school district to learn from its mistakes. In 1984, a shooting incident at another school exposed the need for a Trapid-response crisis strategy. A girl was killed and other students and teachers were injured by a sniper "because he didn't like Mondays". A

strategy was developed. Wesley Mitchell, the Chief of Police for the Los Angeles Unified School

George Turnbull describes the horrific

kind of events the authorities have

> to be ready for in Los Angeles

ting such crimes". But with 500 full and part-time officers and 800,000 students, staff and property to protect, his role is important. He would like to see the British bobby system of community policing in his city. Making schools safe is a community problem." he says, "not just one for the police. Safety does not come with wire-mesh fencing. It may mark the territory, but if it can be scaled, cut or damaged, it will not keep out undesirables. High solid metal fencing is preferable. But security-minded staff working with the local community and the police is the most powerful

deterrent of all." Classrooms are locked during lessons and security cameras scour campuses for intruders. Students remain in the classroom if an incident occurs, and strict rules and procedures are followed thereafter to preserve a safe environment, until assistance arrives. Visitors are monitored at entrances by volunteer parents or security aids. Some schools have remote-locking doors with cameras. Secondary school campuses have two armed police officers on patrol at all times. Lavatory visits during class time cannot be taken unless the

student is accompanied.

That rule was broken in January this year when a five-year-old was raped in the school lavatory, at 66th Street Elementary School, by a 16student was excused from her class in the early afternoon, on a day when Carmen Garner, the Principal, was absent. The attack lasted five minutes while the toilet door was left open. Mrs Garner says, however, that

"even the President's safety cannot be guaranteed". (Two attacks were made recently on the White House. one involving a gun, the other a light aircraft.) Yet she considers school premises safe. As she patrols the elementary school she now runs, she says: "When these buildings were put up, safety was not an issue and that makes it difficult. But I could have a police helicopter overhead in minutes, simply by using this two-way

But a 40-second response time was too late to prevent Alfredo Perez losing part of his brain, committing him to painful treatment. The shooting was drug-related. A second shot had entered an upstairs classroom, but no ne was hurt.

osemary Runcente, the Princi-R pal, says: This is a nice community, but the parents perceive it as dangerous." But, with property around the school used for drug-dealing and a gang-related shooting that left a teacher's life in ruins, it is difficult to understand her praise for the district

With bullet-proof glass in the windows now, the school is certainly safer. Police Chief Mitchell considers the community a bigger problem. He believes that it may be 40 years before the development of the kind of community involvement that would help to solve such problems in Los Angeles schools and that, with a 30 per cent increase in the number of young people by 2006, solutions do need to be found soon, so that bitter experience is no longer the teacher.

• George Turnbull is editor of Business Matters, published by the Associated

Girls take the lead at the independents

John O'Leary looks closely at the latest

breakdown of results from private schools

The headline message from the independent schools' first full breakdown of girls' and boys' examination results is straightforward: the girls are well ahead at GCSE and are establishing a lead at A level. But the more interesting comparisons are to be found within the mixed schools.

Previous analyses have said more about the different types of school than the pupils within them. Comparing the leading mixed schools with their single-sex counterparts can be misleading because of their different selection policies; top schools such as the two Sr Paul's schools, in west London, attract

outstandingly bright children.
The breakdown of results gives the first insight into how pupils who have cleared the same entrance hurdles fare subsequently. In the majority of cases, this means comparing grades in those one-time boys schools that are now coeducational.

Among the leading mixed schools in The Times league tables, there are wide variations in relative performance of boys and girls, some of which buck all the national trends. At King's School. Canterbury, for example, boys and girls results were similar at GCSE; but girls did better at A level.

At Sevenoaks School, there is added confusion because the boys did better in the International Bacca-A level. Among the leading mixed schools, only Rugby School produced virtually identical pass rates for both sexes at GCSE and A level. In most mixed schools, as in the aggregate for all subscribers to the ndependent Schools Information Service, girls were well ahead at

GCSE. The gap was narrower at A level, with boys turning the tables in many cases. At Bancroft's School. in Essex. for example, the girls achieved 34 per cent starred A grades at GCSE, compared with the boys' 24 per cent. But at A level the boys were marginally ahead. Professor Alan Smithers, the head

of policy research at Brunel University, said that some of the differences could be explained by girls switching schools for the sixth form. At Westminster School, for example, where the girls' A level results were the best in England, all 40 girls joined after GCSE He said: "The results are very

interesting and will take some time to analyse fully. But results such as Westminster's show that very able pupils will do well, regardless of whether they are in single-sex or mixed schools."

The results, published yesterday, show girls achieving a higher points score per subject at A level, although boys scored more points overall for university entrance because they took more subjects. Boys took an average of 3.15 A levels to the girls' 3.04

 The GCSE and A-level tables published last month are available through The Times Internet service. They are included in a new education package in the Inform-ation Times section. Readers can find it at http://www.the-times.co.uk

 Immanuel College in Bushev. Heriford-shire, was omitted from the GCSE table published on August 31. Its 51 pupils achieved 40.8 per cent A grades, placing it equal 286th in the table. Wirral County Grammar School for Girls achieved the 35.3 per cent A-grade total attributed to Bebington High School. The King's School, Chester, is a boys school, and Wellington School, Somerset, is mixed.

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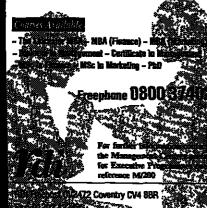
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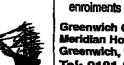
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Parnevik makes a point with 66

JESPER PARNEVIK is Swedish and, it would be imagined, therefore fulfils the prime requirement of a potential member of a European Ryder Cup team. He is also rather good at golf, so that is another part of the job description passed. Yet Parnevik could win the Lancome Trophy, which started here yesterday. and make no advance in the qualifying table; and the reason for that could have something to do with the fact that he

does not appear in it. Parnevik claimed a place in category five in the PGA European Tour exemption list when he won the Scandinavian Masters last year. He will be in the same category next season, too, but, unless he complies with a Tour demand that he plays at least li tournaments in Europe next year, he remains a non-person in the Cup points list.

Parnevik, who is in his econd season on the United States Tour, said, after a 66 at St Nom-la-Bretèche that left him a shot off the lead, that he was not prepared to commit himself to playing that many tournaments in Europe. Last year he was an affiliate member of the Tour, which gave him a place on the list, but the rule has now been changed so as to debar him from affiliate membership.

the Ryder Cup," he said. "I can't imagine anybody not wanting to play in it, but I'm not going to give up the US tour for the Ryder Cup. I'm just beginning to feel comfortable on American courses, and

FROM MEL WEBB IN PARIS

career.' An extension of the small lunacy of closing the door on one of Europe's best players is that Severiano Ballesteros, the

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Europe captain, could pick Parnevik as a wild-card selection. It seems, at the very least, a little odd that Parnevik could win three tournaments in Europe and one of the American majors next year and stay out in the cold, yet win nothing and be picked. Pass the silly

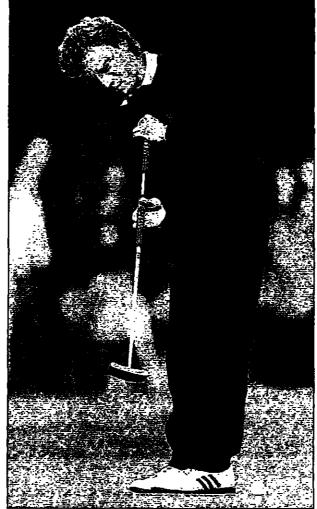
Colin Montgomerie, meanwhile, was contemplating the near future after a 66 that left him alongside Parnevik, Stuart Cage and Andrew Coltart, a shot behind Jamie Spence. "Trying to win the order of merit for the fourth year is

keeping me going," he said. Battling with lan Woosnam for the top spot is fun. I shall end up playing 18 tournaments this year after playing 20 last year, 21 the year before and 24 the year before that. I'm coming down, but the money is going up - obviously something is improving."

He can say that again. Nick Faldo, who dropped three shots in the last three holes, returned a 73 and might struggle to make the cut, while Bernhard Langer, a career-long martyr to the painful perils of putting, broke new ground when he made his first competitive appearance with a long-handled putter. It wor-ked pretty well for a while as Langer went to the turn in 30 — five birdies, no bogeys, no passes — but could not sustain the effort, coming home in 37 to finish on three under

"It feels uncomfortable, but, if it works, that's all right with me." He was asked if the long handle was a last resort. "Nothing's a last resort," he said. "There's always something else to try." Like what. for instance? A snooker cue?

"It seems to be OK." he said



Langer wields a long-handled putter for the first time

Alfredsson polishes Solheim Cup hopes

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SOME tournaments are great, others have greatness thrust upon them. Whereas the Weetabix Women's British Open is as important as its name suggests, some of the significance of the Wilkinson Sword Ladies English Open is generated by its proximity to the Solheim Cup, which takes

Seven members of Mickey Walker's Europe team that will play against the United States at St Pierre are competing at The Oxfordshire. Form can fluctuate so much in golf

that Walker is not likely to be unduly concerned if any of her team is out of touch. She should be pleased, nonetheless, that one of them, Helen Alfredsson, leads after a 67, five under par.

Alfredsson, who tops the European money-list, is one stroke ahead of Laura Navarro and two of Corinne Dibnah. Of Alfredsson's teammates, Laura Davies, Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, Alison Nicholas and Kathryn Marshall equalled or bettered par. Dale Reid, one of Walker's selections for the team, had a 74 and Trish Johnson, the

winner of a tournament last

Sunday, a 76, despite birdieing two of her last five holes. In mid-May, when the Benson and Hedges International Open was staged at this new club just off the M40, inclement weather made Rees Jones's

course a fearsome test for the men. It was wet and very windy and the men wrapped themselves up as if it was midwinter. The visitor who came to watch then and returned yesterday must have wondered if there had been any summer in between because the weather was overcast and a nagging, tugging wind blew beneath a stone grey sky. It

was cold and dispiriting.

Alfredsson, however, whose nature is positive, cheerful and outgoing, made light of it with three birdies and an eagle. She said that she thought the greens were fabulous and she could not conceal her delight at the way she is playing.

This is odd because
Alfredsson is counting the

days until she can have an operation to alleviate the pain that she feels constantly in her right lower back, the result of tripping over a bicycle II years

While she waits, she is benefiting from a tip about her posture given to her in the United States by Beth Daniel,

weight more evenly at the address. Alfredsson had been putting too much of her weight on her left side to compensate for the pain that she felt in her right side. This was affecting

her swing. That tip, clearly, has done the trick. Two weeks ago Alfredsson nearly withdrew from an event at the start of the fourth round because she felt so unwell and yet was beaten only in a play-off. Last Saturday she played her best golf for five years, and now

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Moffat's senior service sets up Scots

LAURA MOFFAT, at 16 the bonny bairn of the Scotland side, was maturity itself as she won the point that secured victory against Wales on the second day of the women's home internationals at Longniddry on the Firth of Forth yesterday. England got the better of Ireland, to set up yet another showdown between the Anglos and the Scots for the title today.

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Having lost the three four-somes, Scotland did not need motivating after lunch and won the first five singles. Anne Laing, their champion, set the tone, defeating Lisa Dermott in the top match. All square after 12, Laing looked

odds on to lose the short 13th. but she got up and down for a classy par and Dermott threeputted. Laing won the next with a birdie four and, after driving into the rough at the 15th, hacked out and hit a magnificent five-iron into the bitter northeasterly wind to four feet for a half that was uplifting or soul-destroying. depending on allegiance.

Mhairi McKay, Alison Rose and Hilary Monaghan also won and Moffat, making her senior singles debut, realised as early as the 13th that hers would be the pivotal point. She was playing Vicki Thomas, at 41 an icon of Welsh golf — "I'd heard of her," Moffat said chirpily - but perhaps past her prime. Underclubbing cost Thomas the 12th and 13th holes and she went three down when Moffat saved her par from a bunker at the 15th and the Welsh veteran took three putts. Ever game, Thomas was conceded a birdie two at the 16th, but succumbed at the next when it was halved in

bogey fives. England lost the foursomes 2-1 to Ireland - for whom Eavan Higgins, 40 on Wednesday, was playing her hundredth match - but, as Linda Bayman, the England captain, said: "It's nothing we haven't experienced before." Her team rose to the challenge, winning five of the singles. They always had the edge, though the top three games went to the 18th.

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TENNIS: PARENTHOOD PROVIDES THE INSPIRATION FOR BRITAIN'S NEW ARRIVAL

Sapsford savours his feat of clay

IF ONLY the crowd - both of them — had known that they were witnessing a little bit of history. The windswept few who braved the elements on the South Coast saw Danny Sapsford and Greg Rusedski make their way into the quarter-finals of the Bournemouth International tennis tournament. It was the first time in to years that two British players had scaled such heights on the professional circuit, but the omens were still not good.

In 1980 Mark Cox, Robin Drysdale and Jonathan Smith made their way to the quarterfinals of the British hardcourt championships, again in Bournemouth, and failed to win a set between them. With Sapsford now facing Alberto Costa, and Rusedski playing Jason Stoltenberg, there is a distinct possibility that history could repeat itself.

Regardless of the outcome today. Sapsford will remember this week for many a long year. On Monday he became a father for the first time and yesterday he reached his first ATP Tour quarter-final by beating Juan Albert Viloca, of Spain, 7-5, 7-5. The timing has been perfect. After nine years on the circuit he has assured himself of a cheque worth more than £7,500, which should help with the Mothercare bills.

Not a bad result for a player who was not expecting a wild card to get into the tournament in the first place and one who classes clay among his least-favourite surfaces. Viloca did his bit to help his opponent's cause, however, Although he is ranked No 81 in the world - 100 places higher than Sapsford - he was not at his best. Hampered by a bad back, he could not hit the ball at full pace.



Sapsford lunges for a forehand on his way to a straight-sets victory over Viloca at Bournemouth yesterday

At only 5ft 9in, Sapsford is the tennis ladder, Sapsford is courters will sweep you one of the smaller players on the tour. What he lacks in height, though, he more than makes up for in effort. Last year he fought his way through the lottery of qualifying to reach the main draw of nine tournaments, a better record than any other player. Given an easier path to Bournemouth, he was not going to waste it.

After so long earning his living on the bottom rungs of

a little unused to the company at this level. I don't even recognise half these guys," he said. "I know the names, but I wouldn't know them if they walked past me on the street." By the end of today he may know a lot more about Costa. the No I seed, who cruised past David Skoch, of the Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1. Each day

away."

That is something that Rusedski knows only too well. Yesterday he stumbled and stuttered in the opening games of his encounter with Daniel Orsanic, a very average player from Argentina, before cranking up his service to win 6-4, 6-4. By the time that Rusedski had started to hit a few aces, there was little chance that Orsanic was ever going to cause him any problems.

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Unfortunately for Rusedski.

Stoltenberg is unlikely to be

such an easy target. He whis-

tled past Guillermo Perez-

Roldan, of Argentina, 6-1, 6-2.

Rusedski it determined to take

the initiative, however, prefer-

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BASKETBALL: NATIONAL TEAM WILL SUFFER AS LEADING PLAYERS MOVE TO CONTINENTAL SIDES

on clay is an unknown for

me, he said. "If you get off to a

bad start then these true clay-

Influx of Americans irks England coach

By Nicholas Harling

THE sight of a host of extremely tall Americans wedging themselves into the cramped seats of trans-Atlantic flights throughout the summer may have had the baskestball authorities drooling. The arrival of those players represents a fringe benefit of the Bosman transfer ruling, which will raise the profile of the domestic game in Great Britain this season. One man, though, will lament the changing face of the sport.

Laszlo Nemeth, the England team coach, has good reason

to be more distressed than most at the influx of players from the United States to English clubs, which, in turn. has released a dozen England internationals to foreign teams. Those players have departed not so much because they are talented but because they come cheap.

They will be employed by clubs in Italy. Spain, Greece, France, Portugal, and Germany, who will give them a few minutes, if that, of courttime every week. Accordingly. their play will hardly improve. certainly not to the extent that Nemeth might wish it.

Which means that the Eng-land team, whose chance of progress in the European championships was remote at best, will almost certainly fail. Even if the national coach does have at his disposal those players who have fled to the Continent, his squad will be augmented by home-based members whose clubs have not been able to afford them the court-time that they need

Americans. "Every country should do its utmost to protect its own citizens," Nemeth said, "but I don't think we have done

because of the newly-arrived

everything possible. This will have a bad effect on development and the performances of English players will suffer."

The dilemma that exists between Nemeth and the clubs was highlighted at a gathering in London last week. Yuri Marischen, the secretary of Sheffield Sharks. was regaling the England coach with news of his club's four Americans, including two newcomers. "I can never endorse it," Nemeth said.

"If we could have English players of the same standard. we'd get them in tomorrow. Matischen retorted.

What is certain, though, is that the crowds will rise, and Sky Television, the satellite company part owned by News International, owners of The Times, could wish for no greater plug for their weekly Sunday slot than the scores of soaring, dunking, and drib-

bling new Americans.

FOOTBALL

Waddle has chance to flower in Scotland

CHRIS WADDLE, the former England winger released by Sheffield Wednesday last week, seems to have found an unlikely new home with Falkirk, the struggling Bell's Scot-tish League first division team. Eamonn Bannon, the Falkirk manager, is likely to receive confirmation that his audacious move to take Waddle, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle United player, to Brockville has been successful.

Waddle, 35, who won 62 caps for England, could make his debut for Falkirk in the home game against Clydebank tomorrow. "I don't want to say too much at this stage because Chris has not yet signed the deal, but I am hopeful." Bannon said yesterday.

"He is coming here tonight to dot the Is and cross the Ts on a short-term contract. I think it would be an exciting move for the club to have a player of his quality."

Tony Fitzpatrick became the manager of St Mirren for the second time yesterday. Fitzpatrick, who had been in charge of the team from 1988 to 1991, had been acting as caretaker-manager of the first division club, but made the step up after an attempt to recruit lain Munro, the former manager of Hamilton Academical, failed. Fitzpatrick was the popular choice among sup-

porters to take over from

Jimmy Bone, who resigned last month. Paul McGrath, who has been unable to command a place in the Aston Villa defence this season, looks likely to find regular first-team football with Coventry City. McGrath, seeking to regain his place in the Ireland squad, is wanted by Ron Atkinson, the Coventry manager, to plug the gaps in a defence that has leaked 11 goals in the FA Carling Premiership this

season. McGrath lost his place to Steve Staunton at the start of this season and has been on the substitutes' bench for every game since. "The bottom is that I have got to be playing regular club football," he said. "Although I'm 36. I feel I can play on for another season or two.

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BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Mixed pairs: Fourth round: M and R Tents bit M and M Green 20-10. E Beckley and J Bryan bit N and R Beddlecombe 21-15; E and A Brockwell bit B Shooter and C Wells B-13. M Websier and F Dean bit E Ladson and A Motion 23-17; B Ansell and G Yandle bit E and P Wathen 24-14. C and L Hawton bit B and N Bishop 20-10. O Freeman and B Gilman bit E and N Whork 22-19, E Subbings and D Briscoe bit J and K Wood 22-12.

CRICKET

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Gothenburg 2 Rosenborg 3
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FOOTBALL

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Etimoshail Hr 2 Wolverhampton

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLT CUP: First round: Cambridge Utd 0 Tottenham 5. FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthoma 1 Murton 1

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three: Old Trafford: Warwackshire 321 (M A Wagh 71 M A Sheikh 64 not out, A Singh 53; G Keedy 6-95) v Lancashire: The Ovat: Glamorgan 255 (A J Dahon 68, N M Kendinck 61)* Surrey 167-2 JJ D Raputtle 65; Trent Bridge: Middlessa, 363-7 dec (P E Wellings, 171); Nothinghamshire 30-1 Taumton: Somerser 221 (J Batty 55, C Banker 51, H Sans 6-52) Essex 170-1 (D Robinson 102 not out) Southermpton: Hampshire 215 (L J Botham 68, M Swarbrick 66, J Ormond 4-43), Leicestershire 163-1 (I J Sutcliffe 58, J M Dakin 57 not out)

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first leg: FC Vaduz (Lech) 0 Pars Sant-German (Fr) 4 SUPERCOPA: First round, first leg; River Plate (Arg) 2 Nacional Medellin (Col) 2 Independente (Arg) 0 Flamengo (B) 0 Boca Juniors (Arg) 1 Racing Club (Arg) 1.

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VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Gateshead 2.
Southport 2.

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Boston 4. Emiley 1. Knowsley 3. Martine 1.

First division: Droylsden 3. Ashton United 3.

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GOLF

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LONGNIDDRY, East Lothian; Women's horse internationals: Scotland 5 Weles 4
(Scotland names first) Foursomes: A Fosc and H Monaghan lost to L Dermoir and 5
Morgan 1 hole: A Lang and S McMaster lost to D Richards and V Thomas 4 and 3, V Mehm and I, Nicholson lost to N Evans and K Stark 1 hole: Singles: Lang bt Dermoit ... and 1. M McKey bt P Chugg 3 and 2: Rose bi Morgan 3 and 2. Monaghan bt Evens 3 and 2, L Moffall bt Thomas 2 and 1. Nicholson lost to Richards 2 and 1. England 6 Instand 3 (England names first) Foursomes: E Ratioffie and K Supplies bt E R Power and S Fenegan 1 hole. F Brown and J Hockley lost to A Coffey and M McGreevy 3 and 1. E Fields and K Rostrolost to E Higgms and A O'Sulfana 2 and 1 Singles: Hockley bt B Hackert 1 hole Ratifile bt Power 1 hole, Brown to 51 to McGreevy 1 hole: R Hudson bt Fanagan 2 and 1: Rostron bt L Behan 3 and 2, Stupplies bt Coffey 4 and 3

MOTOR RALLYING

MANX INTERNATIONAL RALLY: Leading positions (after 7 of 30 stages): 1, B Fisher (Co. Fermanagh.) Subaru. Impreza. 555, 47min 38ecr., 2. A Schwarz. (Monte Cartol Toyota Cetica GT4. 48:03. 3. S. Jordan (Powys.) Renault Mare Megane, 48:20. 4 G Evans (Rouen) Ford Escort RS2000, 48:27. 5, M. Hüggins. (Camo). Nissan. Sunny. Gu. 49:27.

RUGBY UNION

ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 1A: Ponty-pridd 10 Lecester 48; Bridgend 32 Waspo 28 Pool 18; Bath 87 Swinsea 15, Sale 29 Lanett 11 Pool 2A: Newbridge 17 Gloucester 26 Pool 2B: Caerphilly 31 Orrell 37, Saracons 41 Newbord 31 SCHOOLS MATCH: Cay of London Free-

SAILING

ROUND BRITAIN CHALLENGE: Fourth leg (Newcastle to Cowes): 1, France 1; 2, England 2; 3, England 1 Final overall positions: 1, France, 2, Scotland, 3

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Asian Classic [England unless stated! Second round: S Magrocis by

TENNIS



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This refresher is about suit handling.

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2 D 2 S 3 NT Pass Pass Pass Contract: 3 NT by South

Correctly playing to preserve his sure entry to hand, declarer won the opening club lead with dummy's king. He cashed the king of hearts and followed with a low spade to the queen. This brought no joy when West won with the acc and led another club to clear the suit.Declarer next tested the hearts, but East proved to have the suit guarded and, as a result, the rest of South's hand effectively became con-signed to the dustbin. There was still the chance of West holding the jack of spades, but, when the finesse of the ten lost. East was able to cash his jack of hearts before returning a club to defeat the contract by

Were you more "with it" than South, who first claimed that "Four Hearts would not make either" (which is blatantuntrue) and then that he could not possibly make 3 NT either? I suppose he had to look for some sort of

After winning with dummy's king of clubs, try the effect of leading the king of hearts, overtaking with the ace, and continuing the suit. Now, whatever happens, declarer has five hearts, two clubs, and two diamonds.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SUNT a. All present h. Nautical bilge

two tricks.

c. An acacia SPOUCHER ... ME malingerer STRANGULLION a. A horse disease b. A medieval washer-up

> **STAMNOS** a. A stream b. A pot



Donner Memorial An important tournament has just finished in Amsterdam. the Donner Memorial, which honours Jan Hein Donner, one of Holland's top players who died of a brain haemorrhage in the 1980s. In a star-studded field, the surprise was that Granda Zuniga, the Peruvian grandmaster who was joint-winner in 1995, succeeded in emulating his performance

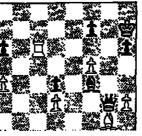
BY RAYMOND KEENE

in an even stronger field. The following win, against the challenger for the Fide championship, was particularly elegant. White: Granda Zuniga Black: Gata Kamsky Amsterdam, August 1996

Queen's Indian Defence 2 c4 3 Nt3 4 g3 5 b3 6 Bd2 Bb4+ Be7 7 Bg2 8 Bc3

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By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is a Basman. Hastings. 1966. Although White is a rook ahead, he has problems. Mate is threatened on h2 and l. Kg! Be3; 2. Kh! Bl4 leads to a draw, as does l. Qg! Be3; 2. Qf! Bf4. However, he has a brilliant way to escape from these difficulties and



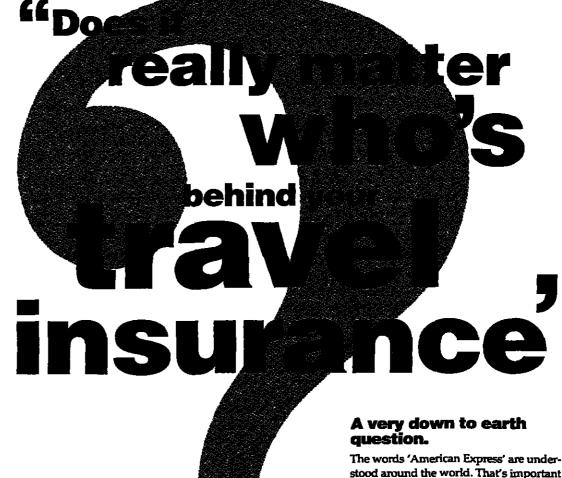


12 0-0 cbc4 c3 Nxe4 Bxb4 Bxc8 Bxd2 Oe8 Ba5 e5 Bd7 Bxe5 Bxf6 Be4 Rxd7 Qxd?

f5 Black resigns Diagram of final position

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DeFreitas revives Derbyshire's flagging campaign

By SIMON WILDE

RBY (first day of four: Warwickre won toss): Warwickshire, with first-innings wickets in hand. III runs behind Derbyshire

EROIC spell of seam bowling Phillip DeFreitas may save byshire from being unceremoniily hoisted by their own petard in match. Having ordered their oured green-top at the County were dismissed in two sessions

bonus points in the process — and were obliged to operate with a threeman bowling attack after an injury to Dominic Cork that will probably rule him out of the rest of the season.

Other sides might have capitulated under such pressure, but not this Derbyshire one, and yesterday it was DeFreitas who rose to the occasion by bowling unchanged for more than two hours to take four wickets for 52 from 17 overs. All four fell in the space of six overs as Warwickshire collapsed, after a bright start by Moles and Knight, from 79 for no wicket to 115 for five.

With 15 wickets falling in the day, the pitch will, routinely, be referred ments of swing and seam bowling in to Lord's.

Harris made the breakthrough when Moles chopped a ball into his stumps, but DeFreitas capitalised on the opening superbly. Neither Wasim Khan nor Burns was allowed to get his feet under the table and Knight — who was — fell two balls after reaching a typically assured half-century. An inswinger located Penney's inside edge to produce the fifth wicketkeeper's catch of the day. These sides boast some of the

the country, and, at one time or another, they all showed what they could do, but this spell of DeFreitas's was the best of the lot. It just claimed the honours ahead of the one from Brown either side of lunch, during which he displayed admirable control and aggression.

Brown may have a key role to play with the bat on the resumption today; he has certainly played an important part so far. He it was who sparked Derbyshire's afternoon collapse and he it was who struck Cork on the left shoulder with the second ball that he faced.

The ball rose sharply off a length but the blow was not entirely the fault of the pitch: Cork had, rather curiously, advanced down the pitch before "freezing" and not playing a stroke. He was to go down the pitch unsuccessfully more than once in his hour-long stay, during which he and Adams - who struck the ball majestically throughout his 80, the highest and best innings of the day - took some measure of revenge on Brown by hitting him out of the

attack with a series of boundaries.

Once he was out, Cork's injury was X-rayed and a hairline fracture of the left humerus revealed, along with severe bruising to the shoulder. His arm is immobile and he is unlikely to regain much movement

before the conclusion of this match. Derbyshire had planned to field a five-man seam attack, but Dean, the left-armer, dislocated a finger in fielding practice and, by necessity, his place was given to Gul Khan, a batsman. Four bowlers should have been enough; three might yet be, if Malcolm and Harris bowl anything like DeFreitas did yesterday.

top form

in spite of

injury

BY PAT GIBSON CANTERBURY (first day of

four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 376 for four wick-

KENT may be the outsiders of

the five counties left in the race

for the championship, but the

white horse is still going to

give the rest of them a run for

their money judging by the way that they laid the founda-

tion for victory over

Stroke-play was never going

but Hooper, defying the pain

of a damaged right thumb

which is slowly losing its nail.

showed what was possible

with an innings of the highest class, and Ward. Llong, and

Ealham took their cue from

Hamoshire.

ets against Hampshire

Tyson set to

IN BRIEF

lose title rather than face Lewis

MIKE TYSON has II days to make up his mind if he wants to keep the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title that he took from Frank Bruno (Srikumar Sen writes). If he does, he must agree to meet Lennox Lewis next or do a deal with him by September 24. Failure will force the WBC to strip him and ask Lewis and Hooper hits Oliver McCall to contest the

Lewis's team is already preparing to make their purse bid paring to make their purse bid for the bout between their man and McCall. "The Lewis-Tyson fight is dead." Panos Eliades, Lewis's negotiator. said yesterday. Eliades claimed that Don King, Tyson's promoter, had offered Lewis a bout with Tyson in Sentember 1997, but had not September 1997, but had not backed it with acceptable

Golf: Scotland produced four singles victories on the last home international championship at Moray, Lossiemouth. title race wide open.

afternoon games and seemed

Walker had already given Kent a brisk start with 30 out of the first 37 when Hooper Grove close went in to make the shivering spectators forget the autumnal chill by scoring 84 off 83 balls. His throbbing digit often per-suaded him to withdraw the

contrived to hit two sixes and Ward, Hooper's partner in a third-wicket partnership of 137 in only 112 minutes, completed 1.000 championship runs for the season on his way to 79, including a six and ten fours, and then Llong and Ealham achieved significant personal performances in an unbroken

bottom hand, but he still

fifth-wicket stand of 127. Llong, who got into the side only halfway through the season, completed his second fours and a six, and Ealham reached his third first-class fifty this year from 82 balls

with ten fours. Between them, they took Kent towards what looks like a formidable total considering that the pitch is expected to get ouicker and their attack is much more potent than Hampshire's. The fact that Mascarenhas, at 19, playing in only his second game and doing well to add two more wickets to the nine that he took on his debut, was their best

bowler, tells its own story. ☐ Mark Taylor and Shane Warne, both doubtful because of injury, were named in the Australia party for the tour of India next month.

AUSTRALIA PARTY: M A Taylor (captain), I A Heoly (nce-captain), M G Bevan, D W Fleming, J N Gillespie, B J Hogg, S G Law G D McGrath, R T Porting, P R Relitet, M J Stater, S K Warne, M E Waugh, S R Waugh

Middlesex v

Somerset

UXBRIDGE (first day of lour, Somerbet won loss) Somersot have scored 289 for five wickets against Middlesex

SOMERSET: First Innings

†RUTurner, JID Kerr, AR Caddick and KU Shine to boil

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-42, 3-77, 4-207, 5-283.

BOWLING Fraser 21-4-67-1; Johnson 19-5-59-1; Hewitt 17-4-65-1; Tutnetl 36-14-75-1; Wookes 11-2-20-0; Dutch 2-1-1-1

MEDDLESEX: P N Waokes, J C Pooley, M R Remprehesh, "M W Gotting, O A Shah, IK R Brown, K P Dutch, J P Hewat, R L Johnson, P C R Tulnell, A R C

Banus paints: Middlesex 2 Somersot 2

Northamptonshire v

Lancashire

NORTHAMPTON (first day of lour, Lan-costure won toss) Lancashire have scored 337 for eight wickets against Northamptorshire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0 2-88, 3-110, 4-143, 5-222, 6-266, 7-303, 8-316

BOWLING Toylor 24-5-85-3; Hughes 18-3-73-0, Porteethy 14-4-49-1, Snape 26-6-75-1; Innes 19-2-50-3 R J Bailey 3-0.

S.P. Techand & T.M.B. Bailey b Taylor J.E.R. Gullan b Taylor

JE R Gallon b Taylor
JP Crowley & Loya b Imnes
NH Fastrother c T M B Bailey
b Taylor
G D Lloyd b Poriborthy
"M Washinson c Curran b Snape

TW K Hopg b Innes G Chappie the b Innes

Extrao (0.9, 71, 9, w 2, nb 4)

Total (8 wkts, 104 overs) ...

P J Monten as Solt

Umpres H D Bird and K J Lyons

P D Bowler c Shah b Fraser M E Trescothick c Brown b Tulnell C L Holloway not out. J Horden c Brown b Hewsti

A Parsons c Dutch to Johnson

Total (5 wids, 106 overs)

Extres (b 1, lb 1)

Scots fight back

green to earn an unlikely share of the honours with England, the defending champions, in the men's amateur to be easy on a sluggish pitch, The 72-72 result throws the

The foursomes were tied at two matches apiece with one halved and when England won two of the first three to be in pole position in the majority of others it had looked over.

Table tennis: Grove, the Shropshire club that became one of the most successful in the history of the British game, has collapsed (Richard Eaton

Unbeaten for five years in the British League until this season, and four times European Cup semi-finalists, Grove is about to withdraw from the British League and has already done so from the European Cup because of financial pressures. On Sunday its two leading players -Steve Ward, the Welsh champion, and Chris Oldfield, the England international - re-

Doherty battles

Snooker: Ken Doherty, one of the main contenders for the Asian Classic title, was fully extended before he defeated Stefan Mazrocis, the world No 81, 5-4 in the quarter-finals in Bangkok yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Doherty, the No 7 seed, feli 4-1 behind but produced a four-frame winning sequence.

Powell call-up

Rugby league: Daryl Powell, the Keighley Cougars stand-off half, is the fifth player to be called up as a replacement in the Great Britain tour party. which departs next Friday for Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand. Powell, replaces Paul Newlove, of St Helens, who has a torn hamstring.

Zimbabwe made to

COLOMBO (second day of five): Zimbabwe, with four first-innings wickets in hand.

ZIMBABWE were struggling at 105 for six in reply to Sri

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A Comment

St. Bullette

Test yesterday. Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe leg-spinner, brought the Sti Lanka innings to a shuddering halt with three wickets in

SRI LANKA: First Innings

M Muraleharen b Strang K J Siva c and b Strang Edras (lb 6, w 1, nb 9)

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

A Strang, H H Street and A R Whitall to BOWLING: Vaas 15-2-45-3, Gurusinha 3-1-3-0: Dharmasena 8-2-23-1; Muralitoran 16-6-13-1, Sava 12-7-10-1.

Maynard exposes limitations of Surrey's attack

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

'ARDIFF (first day of four: ilamorgan won tossi: Glaiorgan have scored 351 for

ine wickets against Surrey OME Monday evening. urrey may well be the only lub still capable of depriving eicestershire of the county hampionship, and even their rospects will be slim if this ame follows its signposted ourse. After losing the toss. in a bare, dusty pitch and gainst a side with superior pin bowling, they must bat pectacularly well today to etain hope of a vital win. There will be a temptation

or Surrey to feel persecuted by a surface slow enough to negate their four seam nowlers and hamper their trokemakers, but, realisticaly, they can have expected nothing else. Their shortage of spin bowling was brutally exposed, but they also did little to improve their day by fieldng sloppily, conceding four sets of overthrows to go with their regular donation of no-

balls and wides. The Surrey of previous years might have betrayed hemselves with drooping heads and hands on hips, but there is a more resolute spirit to this side. They remained busy, noisy and committed, or at least until the deflating final over when Parkin, the Gla-

CHELMSFORD (first day of

four; Sussex won toss): Sussex

have scored 361 for eight

FOR Essex, left with two

matches at Chelmsford as they

seek to win the championship

and to expunge their recollec-

tion of the NatWest final, this

was not a propitious day. Alan

Wells made his highest score

of the season, 122, Jan Salis-

bury an unbeaten 69 and

Sussex a total that belied their

There is no shortage of

conjecture over what the

standing in the table.

wickets against Essex

morgan No II, took ten runs from three successive long hops by Pearson.

Glamorgan upstaged Surrey last week by beating them to the signature of Waqar Younis, but there was a comeuppance when Ottis Gibson. the man to be replaced, declined to play yesterday. Gibson, the Bajan all-rounder, apparently offered no compelling reason, but has now probably played his last game for the club, which will not harm Surrey's cause in the

Sunday league. Matthew Maynard, having lost one battle, won the next and more important issue, the toss. Briefly, as James pulled Martin Bicknell to mid-on and Morris was surprised by a beauty from Lewis, it did not look quite such an obvious decision, but Maynard himself arrived to put the conditions in perspective.

There was dubious logic to selecting Maynard in England's Texaco Trophy team last month, for his limitations should be known by now, but he still rates high among batsmen one would gladly pay to watch. Scarcely had he arrived, the total a precarious 14 for two, than he was dispatching Julian for three fours in an over, each shot played with elegance and certainty. Stewart, his duties extended

did, though, take him past

1.000 championship runs for

He was dropped just once, a

to keeping wicket because of a thumb injury to Kersey, tried five bowlers inside 75 minutes, but Maynard and Hemp were dashing along at five runs an over. Hemp has regressed since touring with England A two winters ago, but this was only his sixth championship innings since sustaining an injury in April, and he played with fluency until let down by lack of footwork.

It seemed nothing could prevent a century for Maynard; nothing, that is, other than Maynard's greatest en-emy, himself. After hitting 13 fours and making 82 from only 120 balls, he was, as so often, a victim of his own impetuosity, pulling a short ball tarnely to mid-on.

The entertainment subsided inevitably. Glamorgan were sustained by Dale's admirably patient 90 as they quietly acquired maximum batting points, but Surrey's dearth of suitable bowling was revealed in the need to give 15 overs to Darren Bicknell, whose part-time left-arm spin had, until this season, earned six expen-

sive wickets in nine years.

Pearson, tall and with a good action, obtained little turn, but employed an effective change of pace to pick up two late wickets. Croft will be expected to do somewhat bet-



Simmons, of Leicestershire, celebrates one of his six wickets against Durham. Report, page 44

Silverwood caps memorable week

hand as Nottinghamshire

were almost overtaken by the

close, and the Scarborough-

born Byas moved some way

towards his third century in a

borough was given his chance

SCARBOROUGH (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire, with eight firstinnings wickets in hand, are 24 runs behind Notting-

sharp chance to Gooch at short mid-on off Such, but by YORKSHIRE still have a then he had made 117. In the chance of finishing high in the championship; Nottinglatter stages of his innings he contributed only 29 to a parthamshire have not, though nership of 76 with Salisbury, they are hungrily eyeing the yet, for the most part, this was Sunday league. Yesterday it captivating batting on a pitch that offered a little spin. His showed. Only Mathew Dowman, of the Nottinghamdriving against the quicker shire front-line batsmen, showed much relish for the bowlers was particularly impressive, not least considering fight as they were bowled out that this was only his second

century of the season. Yorkshire's own ambitions There were runs, too, for were highlighted by an open-Lenham, whose half-century

Jason Gallian's third champincluded seven fours. Such ionship century of the season had him taken at silly point off 113 in five hours — helped his second ball, bowled Greenfield as he attempted to sweep Lancashire to reach 337 for eight against Northamptonand collected the wicket of shire. Two other batsman. Mark Alleyne, of Gloucester-Danny Law as well. Overall, though, whoever Prichard turned to had a struggle to shire, and Piran Holloway, of Somerset, scored their first beat the bat. Seven bowlers hundreds of the season. were tried in all, including Alleyne's 149 enabled his Stuart Law. who arrived back county to recover from 37 for in England a day too late to do anything about the debacle in the NatWest final. four to 326 for nine, Tom Moody taking five for 66.

Essex submerged by

Wells in full flow

By Ivo Tennant

Wells's century came off 152 balls and included a six and 15 future holds for Sussex and. in fours. He was eventually out particular, for Wells. His batto Grayson, leg-before pushting may or may not have been ing forward, and was none too affected by the problems that pleased about it. After that, the county has had this sea-Salisbury, who showed unerrson, but it has certainly been ing judgment in his choice of blighted one way or another. which ball to hit, continued until the close. His innings He averaged 33 runs per contained ten fours and a six. innings before this match, which is almost 20 fewer than He has yet to score a first-class last year. His effort yesterday century.

(c) A species of acacia. Acacia arabica, of northern Africa, or its

wood. From the Arabic sant. "A man who lit a single branch of

(c) A wooden vessel for baling out or conveying water: a water-scoop. From the Old Norman French espuchoir to drain, empty

(a) A disease of horses, characterised by inflammation and

swelling of the glands of the throat. Also rarely, a similar disease in human beings, a quinsy. Connected with the popular Latin stranguläre to strangle.

(b) A Greek pot or vessel, resembling a hydria, but with a shorter neck. The Greek name, ultimately from histanai to cause to stand. "On a stamnos of the more finished class, Medeia

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

i, Qg!! Be3; 2, f6! Bxgl; 3, Be4+ KhS; 4, Rc8+ Qg8; 5, Rxg8+ KxgS; 6, Kxgl

simi (acacia), cooked his food for three successive days by it."

WORD-WATCHING

of water. "Fire water - fire a spoucher full."

appears as before, holding up her hand."

SPOUCHER

STRANGULLION

Britannic Assurance county championship

Kent v Hampshire CANTERBURY (first day of four, Kent won toss) Kent have scored 376 for four wickels against Hompshiro

FALL OF WICKETS 1-37, 2-50, 3-187, 4-

299 BOWUNG Mascarerhas 23-49-2, Bonshaw 18-3-78-0 Bovil 20-7-73-0, Stephonson 27-6-79-1; Maru 12-3-29-1 Whitaker 4-1-21-0 HAMPSHIPE: J.S. Laney, G.W. White, "J.P. Stephenson, R.A. Smott, W.S. Kendal, P.R. Whitaker, †A.N. Aymes, D.A.Massarenhas, R.J. Maru, J.N.B. Bowtt, S.J. Renshaw, Borus, points. Kent. 4. Hampshire, 1

Umpres R Julen and G Sharp Yorkshire v Notts SCARBOROUGH (list day of loar it arkshoe won toss): Yorkshire, with eight lind-interings wickels in flund, are 24 runs borned

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NOTINGHAMSHIRE First trange
PR Polardic Bishey 5 Hartiey
26
RT Pobritor the b Silverwood 23
GF Archer C Bishey b Silverwood 26
GF Archer C Bishey b Silverwood 27
FF Johnson & Whee b Kerieborough 16
MP Downton c Stemp b Silverwood 44
CL Carris b Kerieborough 5
MM Moon Bishey b Gough 6
RT Bales for b Hartey 11
JP Hart not out 18
M N Bowen b Gough 15
JA Alterd flow b Gough 0
Extrae (b 3, b 8, no 12) 22
Total (52.5 overs) 187

BOWLING Gough 11.5-3-26-3, Silven 13-1-55-3, Harriey 17-3-65-2, Kettlebor 10-1-36-2, Stamp 1-0-4-0.

VORKSHIRE: First trainings
M D Mozon b Came
M P Vaughan a Johnson b Came
T D Byas not out Extrac (5 3, to 5, reb 24) Total (2 wkts, 45 overs) R A Nettleborough, C White, †R J Blakey, D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp to bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-96, 2-113, BOMUNG: Cente 14-2-57-2, Bowen 11-1-41-0, Hort 10-4-29-0; Bates 8-2-20-0 Downson 2-1-8-0 Borus points: Yorks 4 Notes () Umprest J W Holder and P Wiley 100% COM SO INSTANCE AND AND AND

ing partnership of 96 between Moxon and Vaughan. They illustrated, as did Byas and wanted, and at lively medium pace he removed Johnson and Cairns. The day, though — indeed, the week — belonged to Chris McGrath after them, that there were plenty of runs in this pitch. Application and Silverwood. Seven marvelaggression went hand in

lous days have seen him elected young cricketer of the year and selected for England's tour. Yesterday he was presented with his county cap and picked up three good wickets.

It was Silverwood who started the Nottinghamshire slide. With the wind at his back, after Gough's opening burst, he was a different proposition from when he was battling into the teeth of it. Robinson and Pollard had moved along easily to 43 and Pollard had just taken three fours in an over from Hartley when Silverwood, bowling fast and straight, caught Robinson in front as he shuffled across. Two balls later, Archer attempted an ambitious cut and Blakey helped him on his

After that, Nottinghamshire were unable to stage a worthwhile recovery, well though Dowman stood his ground and elegantly though he struck the five fours that adorned his 44. Flashes of resistance there were, notably from Hart, making his championship debut, and Bowen. Then Gough moved in to mop up the tail, and Moxon and Vaughan emerged to make inroads with the clock standing at 3pm.

WORCESTERSHIRE: W P C Weston, T S Curie, "TM Moody, G AHick, K R Spiring, V S Solario, D A Leatherdale, 153 Phodes, S R Lampel, B K Ringworth, A Shonyer Borus points Worcestershire 4 Gloucs 3 Umpires, J H Hampschire and R Palmer

Glamorgan v Surrey

CARDIFF (itst day of four, Glamorgan wo loss) Glamorgan have scored 35 for no wokets against Surrey

S P James c D J Belinell b M P Belinell

from the end that nobody else YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Derbyshire v Warwickshire

and

IV itest day of four, Wannessawe won Wanneleane, with five institutings is in hand, are 111 runs behind stare DERBYSHIRE: First Innings DEHISTSHIRE: First Innings
K J Banet e Piper b Wolch
A S Rolets tow b Brown
C J Adams b Small
10 M Jones tow b Munton
T J G O Gorman c Knight b Brown
G A Krun e Piper b Brown
G A Krun e Piper b Brown
G G Coff c Knight b Small
IK M Kniken not out
P A J Definetas c Piper b Welch
A J Harts c Permey b Small
D E Malcolim b Whith
Extract 62 to 11, w 4 nb 2) Extras (b 2 fb 11, w 4, nb 2)

Total (89.5 overs) 242 FALL CF WICKETS 1-53, 2-73, 3-126, 4-133, 5-135, 6-184 7-195 8-196 9-203 90WJNG Small 18-6-41-3 Munior 13-5-57-1 Weigh 17-5-2-62-3, Brown 15-5-69-3 WARWICKSHIPE: First birmgs

N V Knight c Krisken b Defretas A J Moles b Hams W G Khan Dw b Defretas M Burns b Defretas M Burns b DeFreitas T L Pomby a Krikken b DeFreitas D R Brawn not out tk J Poer not out Extras (%) 4, nb 81 G C Small A F Gles, G Weigh and "T A Munior to bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-79 2-88, 3-93 4-96. EOWUNG Malcolm 4-0-28-0. DeFreitas 17-5-52-4. Herris 13-3-2-47-1 Sorts points Demyster 3 Warwoisher 4 Umphes M J Krithen and B Leadboar

Essex v Sussex CHELMSFORD (tirst day of four Susser wor toss) Susser have scored 361 for orght works against Essex SUSSEX: First Imings

Erras (0 15) . . . Total (8 wkts, 100 overs) R J Kuttey to boat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-95, 3-112, 4 135 5-183, 6-248, 7-324, 8-329

BCW/LING Roll 12-1-52-0; Covern 15-2-57-1, Facts 18-3-61-1, Angrew 14-5-45-0; Such 28-695-3; Law 5-0-17-1, Graystra 8-1-19-1

ESSEX: G A Gooch, A P Grayson, N Hussam, S G Law, "P J Prichard, R C trans, 18 J Politine, M C tott, A P Cowan, S J W Andrew P M Such Urrapires J H Harris and A G T Wheehead Worcestershire v

Gloucestershire WORCESTER (list day of four Gloucester-shire won toss). Gloucestershire have scored 326 for nine wickets against Worcestorshire. GLOUCESTERSHIPE: First Irongs

D R Hewson c Rhodes b Moody . M G N Windows b Sharyar . . . A Symonds flow b Sheriyar R I Dawson c Hick b Mood M A Lynch c Phodes b Moody M W Alloyne low b Leathordalo tR C Russell c Lampet b Moody R P Davis at Rhodos b Solania A M Smith c Hick b Moody M C J Ball not cur Extras (b 4, tb 3, rtb 18) . . Total (9 wids, 110.5 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-5, 2-11, 3-13, 4-37, 5-119, 6-189, 7-237, 8-326, 9-326 BOWLING Shonyar 13-1-52-2. Moody 13-5-15-66-5. Lampitt 21-4-79-0 Loatherdale 12-3-47-1; långworth 19-6-52-0, Solarty 12-7-23-1.

H Mones a Stowart b Lows D L Hemp low b M P Bicknell M P Moynaid a Pearson b Ber P A Coffey flow b D J Bicknell A Date b Poarson IAD Show b Bonjamin . . . PDB Croft b Pearson . . . O A Cosker how to Julian S I, Wallum nel out OT Parket not out Extrac (to 3, w 5, no 32) Total (9 wkts, 105 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-14 2-14 1-123, 4-123, 4-168 >-206, 6-279, 7-317, 8-322, 9-336 BOWLING M P Bickreet 16-45-2: Lowis 18-2 8-1: Julian 15-3-54-1, Bengmar 20-4-53-2 Peurson 21-6-59-2, D J Bicknell 15-0-54-1

SURREY: D.J. Bicknell, M.A. Butcher, "1A.J. Stowarf, G. P. Thorpe, N. Shahid, A. J. Holbouko, C. C. Lewen, B. P. Julian, J. E. Bort, smin, M.P. Bicknell, R. M. Peorson

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET Britannic Assurance county championship 10 30 second day of low 104 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Warwickshire CHESTER LE-STREET: Durham v Leocralershiro CHELMSFORD: Essex v Sussex CARDIFF: Glemorgan v Surrey CANTERSURY: Kont v Hampshird UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Somersot NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshike v

WORCESTER; Worcestershire v Gloucostorshire SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Chesterfield: Derbychre v Korri Southampton: Hampione v Locaterchim Old Traffort: Lonco-hire v Wambiothree. Trent Bridge: Notinghampton: v Middle-sex Tauriton: Somerser v Essex The Orel: Surrey v Germagen Hove: Sussex v Vorlethre Nationwide League

Huddor:fjeld v Oldham (7 45) LEAGUE OF WALES: Combren v Liansumithad (745) FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE (745) Premier division: Bohomians v St Patrick's: Dundak v Deny; Sharrock v Bray Bray SCHOOLS MATCH: Impor Town Chail-enge, Huddiorsfield v Oldham

OTHER SPORT GOLF: Men s home interruptionals (Mor

English Open (The Oxford attent).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Notional Conference
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SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Oxford v
London (7.30). Speedway: Star Cup:
Custris-final replay, second leg: Bello Vun
y Wokerhungton (7.30). Semi-linat, birst
leg: Prontomough v Euroler (7.30). Conletence League; Atonu Esper v Maderinal
3.0).

NORTHAMPTONSHIPE K J Innes, M B Lore, "R J Balley, K M Curran, T C Watton, A L Ponteenthy, R J Warren, J N Snepe, J G Hughes, J P Taylor, 17 M 8 Balley Borsus points Northamptonshire 3 Lun-(8 0) TENNIS: ATP Tour event (Bournemouth) Umpages: V A Holder and K E Palmor

struggle

are 244 runs behind Sri Lanka

Lanka's 349 at the close of the second day's play in the first

four balls after the home side had resumed at 290 for seven.

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mehanama tiw o Streak

3 T Jayasunya c Evens b Olonga 0

A P Gunusinha c Cionga b Strang 22

A Garusinha c Cionga b Strang 22

A P Taleteraine c A Flower b Olonga 20

A Ransturga tiw b Streak 71

R S Kakhwitarana c and b Streak 71

H D P K Dhermosena not out 42

W P U J C Vass b Strang 44

M M Maratiforan b Strang 44

M M Maratiforan b Strang 0

Total 349
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-4, 3-53, 4-105, 5-128, 6-271, 7-272, 8-345, 9-349
BOWLING Streek 20-6-54-3; Clarges 17-3-57-2; G J Whittight 12-1-43-0, Strong 34-3-3-106-5, AR Whittight 13-4-4-0; Evans 6-0-27-0; G W Flower 4-1-16-0

Extrac (b 2, lb 3, nb 3, w 2) Total (6 wids) 105 FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-15, 3-21, 4-45, 5-103, 6-105

Umpires S.A. Bucknor (West Indica) and B. C. Cooray (Sn Larke)

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Yorkshire bowled pretty well on a pitch occasionally freshened by sharp showers, but otherwise blameless. A strong, blustery wind helped hindered. Everyone wanted to bowl with the gale. Because of this, Kettle-

RACING: RESOLUTE GALLOPER COMPLETES DONCASTER CUP DOUBLE IN RECORD TIME

Double Trigger fires stayers' debate

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

HE HAS one foot made up largely of plastic and spends more time in a swimming pool than on the gallops, but that did not stop Double Trigger running faster yesterday than any horse in the 195-year history of the Doncaster Cup. - and prompting a debate as

to his ranking. After beating Celeric by two lengths in a time which lowered the course record by a remarkable 2.6sec, David Morley, trainer of the runnerup, was categoric. "He's the best stayer in the world, without any question."

Many of those who rushed to the winner's enclosure to see Frankie Dettori, arm raised high but with a finger pointing downwards to Double Trigger, would concur. However, the official handicapper. whose ratings reflect his view of a horse's ability, disagrees - and that irks Mark John-

ston, his trainer. "It's an absolute disgrace. The handicapper rates him one of the worst Gold Cup winners in the last ten years and we all know he is one of the best in the last 30 years. He has him rated on 119, but Trigger deserves to be 126." the Middleham trainer said.

The argument over Double Trigger's ranking within the heavyweight stayers' division will continue, but few would deny his second consecutive victory in the Doncaster Cup was extraordinary, given the way his right fore hoof virtually crumbled away to nothing earlier this season.

Having ripped a shoe off the hoof three times, including during the Ascot Gold Cup. there was precious little left on which to nail racing plates. An enforced three-month absence has enabled the hoof to regrow to a certain extent, while DIY

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FLIRTING AROUND (I.30 Doncaster) Next best: Ali-Royal

(4.40 Doncaster)

filler has completed the task. It's more plastic than hoof. but the nails are into the horn, which makes the difference."

Johnston said. With Jason Weaver, who normally rides Double Trig-ger, suspended, Dettori picked up the reins. And what a peach of a ride the champion jockey gave the five-year-old. Setting the pace, Dettori gradually increased the tempo and

half a mile out backers of the even money favourite were calculating their winnings.

The first two home are entered for the Melbourne Cup in which Double Trigger has to give Celeric IIIb, as opposed to the 7lb yesterday. Johnston believes the journey is unlikely unless a sponsor materialises soon, and a visit to France for the Prix du Cadran is more likely.

Celeric has been allotted 8st 9lb for Australia's best-known race and is undoubtedly fairly treated. Christopher Spence. his owner-breeder, and Morley will ponder whether to spend the best part of £70,000 on flying horse and connec-tions to Australia. Given their intention to aim Celeric for the cup races next season, I suspect he will finish this campaign with the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket.

Henry Cecil arrived back from the Keeneland Sales yesterday morning before heading to Doncaster to saddle the winner of the May Hill Stakes for the tenth time. Seven of those victories have come inside the past decade and, judging from the reaction of bookmakers, Reams Of Verse rates among the best. Coral makes her 10-1 for the 1,000 Guineas next year.



Double Trigger draws clear to complete a double in the Doncaster Cup yesterday

(3-Y-0: £6,396: 7f) (8 runners)

POLAR PRINCE best Prince Babar Mil in a 14-rumer randicap at Newsarkel (71, good to firm). LONELY LEADER bear Present Generation 244 in an 8-rumer maiden at Chepstow (71, good to limi) RUSSIAM MUSIC 21 2nd of 6 to Wizard King in a conditions race at Chepstow (71, good). Previously 2%1 2nd of 8 to Wizard King in a conditions race at

3.40 BMW 3 SERIES TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES BBC2

BETTING: 11-4 Polar Prince: 3-1 Russian Music. 4-1 Dovekrace, 5-1 Lonely Leader, 7-1 Civil Liberty. Silver Prey, 10-1 others

1995: MZAR 9-8 7 Codes (15-8 tor) P Cole 5 ton

FORM FOCUS

1995: PRENONAMOSS 7-8-8 D Holland (14-1) D Arbullanot 21 nas

BICTON PARK (Locd Clinico) D Mortey 9-0 R Cochrane
6 CHALLIZ 26 (Shellis Molammeet) M Johnston 9-0 T Williams
CHEVAL RDC. (R Whiteporth) R Parmon 9-0 R Pertnam
DANOY REGERT (R Parsons) C Cyzer 9-0 M Featon
00 HEART FILL OF SOUL 120 (T Shand) P Cole 9-0 T Cabin
2 HARRICANE STATE 18 (Min 8 Sangater) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 R Harlin (3)
(2 HIDSAN BLAZE 21 (Panding Brases) P Harris 9-0 G Heal
036 KUMAT 21 (Godelphin) 5 bm Sarror 9-0 W Ryam
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06 MON BRICE 19 (Risks M Van Balely W Muir 9-0 S Sanders
00 ROSSBIKAWALIER 19 (G Swire) L Colorel 9-0 J Quinn

BETTING: 3-1 Humanurer: state. 5-1 Kurnert, 6-1 Waterville Boy, Cheed Roc, 8-1 Select Choice, Indian Blaze. 10-1 Mga Bruce, 12-1 others

1995: WELVILLE 9-0 J Wenner (11-2 les) P Makin 15 ntm

COURSE SPECIALISTS

3 JOCKEYS

4.50 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS LIMITED STAKES

BETTWE: 2-1 Withe Conquer, 5-2 Alamber, 4-1 Wild Rite, 9-2 Farmagion Hell, 5-1 Steamfolter Stanly 1995: POSIDONAS 3-8-13 | Outro (7-2) P Cole 5 ran

5.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CUCUMBER MAIDEN STAKES

(£4,308; 1m 4f) (5 runners)

(2-Y-O: £5,428: 6f) (15 runners)

4.15 WEATHERBYS HANDICAP (£4,793: 1m) (21 runners)

Bahhare to make classic point

DONCASTER **CHANNEL 4**

2.35: Storm Trooper is the logical choice judged on his last two efforts, when third to St Mawes over too long a trip at Goodwood and when unable to hold the winning burst of Annus Mirabilis at Windsor (Prince Of My Heart behind). Wijara is a battler who appreciates some give in the ground and rates the danger.

3.05: Busy Flight appreciated the soft ground at Ripon when opening his account but he may not be so effective on this faster surface. Minds Music, runner-up in the St Leger last year, has not progressed as expected. Bal Harbour has proved consistent over ten furlongs this term, but preference is for Kalabo, who appeared not to stay two miles in the Goodwood Cup and is better judged on earlier victories at Newmarket and Chester.

3.35: In a race which should offer the best guide so far to next season's 2,000 Guineas. it is a case of choosing between the hype and the form book. Gay Kelleway is convinced her Ascot winner. Musheer, is the best horse she has trained. The form book says he must improve considerably to pose a threat to Bahhare, whose two easy victories arguably make him the best two-year-old colt seen this season. None of his rivals can be ruled out of it. notably Reliquary, who won in a fast time at Haydock. and Revoque.

4.10: Kira looks sure to run well as she is drawn high where the pace is likely to develop. She found six furlongs too far at Pontefract but is weighted to reverse Thirsk form with Oatey. Others for the short-list include Surprise Mission, a course and distance winner, and Sing With The Band.

RICHARD EVANS

2.20 NEW STREET NOVICES HURDLE

2.55 BULL RING NOVICES CHASE

(£2,548 2m 4f) (9 runners)

(£3,592, 2m 7f) (6)

GOING, FIRM

WORCESTER

2548 2ftl 41) (9 runners)

1 137 TuKANO 27 (D.F.) Jerkins 5-11-12

338 WOTTASHABBLES 18 (6 D.F.) L Montague Hall 5-11-5

D Morris

338 APPRE MST 16 (D.F.) J D'Shaz 4-11-3

Michael Bernann (5)

D JEAN DE AURETTE 50F A Spece 5-10-12

E Hasbard (7)

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A Thornton

R Durnerody

R Johnson

310 HYDEMILIA 185 Mrs 1 Philorophy 6-10-7

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220 MARI OUSION 2 (8F) C Biodic 4-10-5

D Gallagher

10-1 Designers

10-1 Designers

5 340- HYDEMILLA 155 Mrs. 1 Pikungton 6-10-7. G. Hogan (3), 9 22P MARLOUSKIN 2 (BF) C. Brooks 4-10-5. D. Gallagter 2-1 Turans 5-2 Wohashambles, 7-2 Alpine Mrst. 8-1 Martigusson, 10-1 Basil Street 12-1 Load in The Bark, 20-1 others.

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1 23-1 CUFTON SET 18 (B.F.G.S) C Mann 5-11-1 R. Documody
2 048- GORGONE 407 N Promist 7-10-12 J. Collory
3 4-PP2 MLESC \$COME 17 (F.G.) Mrs L Taylor 10-10-12 A Thomton
3 9-PP. FATHER SNY 149 (F) 0 Shewcod 5-10-8 J. J. Osborne
5 0P-U GLEMERNN PROMCESS 16 (S) Mrs M Jones 8-10-7

5 DP-U GLEMPHIN PRINCIPAL 10 FOR MAIN 0-10-1 M A Rizgardid
6 62-5 MANOR BOUND 18 (F) Mrs S Williams 6-10-7 S McMail

Some Father Sky 4.4 (1980) Set, 7-1 Glordom Process, 12-1 Manor Bound, 14-1 Marca Score 25-; Storpore

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: 0 Sherward, 16 waters born 49 numers, 32.7%, Mass H Front 12 from 37, 32.4%, C Marin 6 from 19, 31.6%; M Pipe, 31



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

> **GOODWOOD** BBC2

2.40: Falkenham can compensate for his narrow defeat by Brave Act, when Hello trailed home a wellbeaten fourth. Double Park, a solid nursery type, was exposed when raised in class at Deauville. In this small field, she rates a bigger danger than Blue River.

3.10: North Song thrives from the front but must do plenty of running from stall 17. At these weights, Autumn Cover, Orsay and Fionn De Cool are closely matched on their encounter here last month. Hoh Express and Conspicuous, the latter a course specialist, appear too high in the handicap while Night Wink, a recent course and distance winner, is inconsistent. A strong gallop will suit Panata but Ron's Secret is allowed 5lb for a three-length defeat and has since run well at Ripon.

3.40: King Of Peru has claims on his victory over course and distance in May. but the one to beat is Russian Music. He holds Lonely Leader on their recent Salisbury encounter and receives a useful 4lb from Polar Prince. The latter ran well in a competitive York event last time and remains on the upgrade. Silver Prey is an interesting runner. He had Polar Prince in arrears on both his starts last term and would go close if fit after a long absence.

Julian Muscat

GOODWOOD

2.10 Petrei 2.40 Felkenham 3.10 North Song

4.15 Narbonne 4.50 Alambar 5.20 Kumait

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM ON ROUND COURSE)

(2-Y	-0: £	4,854: 7	7f) (11 nunners)	
1	(1)	351551	BUTE INGTON HOUSE 10 (G) (R Green (Pine Paintings)) P Cole 9-8 (7ex) T Opinn	9
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4	(11)		SALTY JACK 29 (F) (Salts Of The Earth) S Dow 9-8 A Dely (5)	
5	(3)	331	BRANDON JACK 19 (S) (R Michaelson) Batting 9-3 R Cockrane	.8
á	(2)		EATON PARK 93 (The Money Men) R Abehuret 9-2 \$ Sanders	8
7	(6)	310	CASPIAN MORN 27 (F) (P National) A Jenvis 9-1 J Take	9
8	(5)	03464	SUPERCHARMER 10 (Dayspring Co Lia) C British 9-0 R Hills	9
9	(8)	230462	BOLD ORIENTAL 9 (M Tabor) N Carlaghan 8-12 D Griffats (5)	9
10	ίσί	065	PETREL 15 (V) (The Queen) Lord Harringdon 8-6	8
71	(4)	335036	RUSSIAN SABLE 7 (C,G) (T Conningham) M Cramon 8-5	9
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BETTING: 7-2 Bran Petrel, 10-1 athers 1995: AL TANTE R-10 frame Chieff J3-1 fest P Cole 18 con 2.40 BELLWAY HOMES STARDOM STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-0: £12,679: 1m) (5 numers)

BETTIMS: 2-1 Falkeritorn, 3-1 Oodale Park, 7-2 Helio, Lady Mail, 9-2 Blue River 1995: BONARELLI 8-11 W R Swinburn (9-4) M Stoole 5 (2)

BLUE RIVER theat Lady Godins 1% in an 8-numer nursery at Newtoury (71, good to firm).

ALICENTAM short-head 2nd of 7 to Brace Act in the group in Solario Saless at Sandoen (71, good) and HELLO 31% 48%.

HELLO 31% 480.

HELLO 350 40 to 5 to Imperial President in Selection: FALICENTAM (map)

HANDICAP (£14,726: 1m 1l) (17 runners) 1985: CORSPICUOUS 5-8-2 J Oxima (7-1) 1, Cottrell 14 rap

KAYVEE beal Bonanelli neck in 5-turmer conditions acc at Nothenghem (1m. good to set). CONSPICIL- DUS beat Mead For Baileys 31 in 7-turmer sating notated states over course and distance (good) HLAALA head 2nd of 11 to Admissis Flame in thandcap at Window (1m 67yd, sold) with ORSAV (5it) better of) 31 3rd, ROYAL PESILI.T beat Varia-

3.40 KING OF PERU (nap)

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 BURLINGTON HOUSE.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

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		7f) (11 nunners)	
(1)	351551	BUPPLINGTON HOUSE 10 (6) (R Green (Pine Paintings)) P Cole 9-8 (Text) T Option	
(8)	0616	DICKIE BIRD 24 (CD.F) (6 Teo) R Harmon 9-7 Dane O'Neill	91
(7)	014	FOSHT TUNE 21 (D.BF.F) (A AII) B Hanbury 9-5 W Rysan	92
(11)	0331	SALTY JACK 28 (F) (Salts Of The Earth) S Down 9-8 A Delty (5)	88
(3)			.89
(2)	240	EATON PARK 93 (The Money Men) R Abehuret 9-2	83
(E)	310	CASPIAN MORN 27 (F) (P Nataril) A Janvis 9-1 J Tale	90
(5)			90
(8)		BOLD ORIENTAL 9 (M Tabor) N Carlaghan 8-12 D Griffaths (5)	97
ιοίο		PETREL 15 (V) (The Queent Lord Harrington 8-6	
(4)		RUSSIAN SABLE 7 (C,G) (T Cunningham) M Cramon 8-5	
IG: 7-2	Brandon J	lack, 4-1 Burliagton House, 5-1 Right Taxon, Dictae Bird, 7-1 Salty Jack. Bold Oriental,	8- 1

FORM FOCUS

3.10 SCHRODER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SETTIME: 9-2 Parata 6-1 North Song, 7-1 Complexions, 8-1 Ron's Secret, Royal Result, 18-1 Orsay, 12-1 Hilaala, 14-1 Hoh Eigness, Flore De Cool, 16-1 others. FORM FOCUS

Blinkered first time

S bin Surcor J Payne E Duniop M Stouts P Cole W Hem 33.3 Dane O'Neill 33.3 R Cochrane 25.0 T Quinn 22.0 M Fenton 20.0 D Harrison 17.9 Only qualifiers DONCASTER: 2 00 Royal Action, Three Hits. GOODWOOD: 2.10 Petrel, 3.10 Ron's Secret, 3.40 Ctvl Liberty, 3.40 Dovebrace, 4.15 Prince Zizzm, WORCESTER: 4.30 Last Laugh.

TRAINERS

3.25 SELLY OAK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,303: 3m) (6) 2.20 Wottashambles. 2.55 Father Sky. 3.25 Anchorena. 3.55 Captain Khedive. 4.30 Matamoros. 5.00 Gone By. 5-4 Wynberg, 3-1 Anchorena, 5-1 Hyflers Chance, 8-1 Aldymann, 18-1 others

3.55 SNOW HILL HANDICAP CHASE

8-11 Captain Khedive 6-4 Hoblety, 8-1 Houghton.

4.30 MOOR STREET MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,353: 2m) (18)

3-1 Highly Charming, 4-1 Marita's Daughier, 5-1 Wanslead, 7-1 others.

5.00 BIRMINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,726: 2m) (4)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS Lambourn, Tote: £3 70; £2 10, £1 50 DF: £8 90, CSF: £15 28 Doncaster Going: good to firm

1.4.20 (1m 14yd) 1, Cointosser (Martin Dwyer, 13-8 tay); 2, Mustn't Grumble (33-1); 3, Cape Pigeon (6-1); 19 ran, NR-CD Super Tangeling, 144, 144 M Pige Tote, 22-50; £1.50, £4.90, £2.50 DF; £30.60 Trin 574.00 CSF* £57.86.
4.50 (51 16yd); 1, Malibu Men (T Sprake, 9-2 tay), 2, Ashkernezy (7-1); 3, Imposing Time (11-2); 4, 18 heati (9-1); 16 ran, 2, 34; E Wheeler Toter (5-40; £1.30, £1.80, £1.30, £2.40, DF; £19.00 Trin £15.80. CSF; £35.85 Tricast, £170.63.
Placepot £164.20. Cuedpot £10.40. 28 90. CSF: E15.28

4.40 (78) 1, QUILLING (F Lynch, 15-2); 2, Wardara (Lo Humam, 14-1); 3, Lough Eme (W Causon, 11-2 tsv); 4, Keston Pond (M Deering, 11-1) ALSO RAN: 7 Consort (Sth), 10 Ochos Ross, 12 Wiseam, 14 Arlanasasa, 16 Statoyork, 20 Cavers Yangous, Champagne Grandy, Chickerwicka, Equerry, Yang Rat, Northern Fan, Wild Rica (Bith), 25 Barrel Ol Hope, 33 Arr Commodore, Samsotom 19 ran, NR-Royal Mark, Hd, 19, Nr, Ink, M Dods at Derington, Tote: 28 30: 52 10, 55.10, 51.80, 52.20 DF: \$58.50 Tino: \$275.80 CSF: 958 88 Tricast: £517.74. Royal Mark, 14-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bats, deduction 5p in pound Jackpott; £7,822.90.

Chomportanas Geing: good to firm
2.00 (Im) 1, AL AZHAR (Pat Eddery, 7-2:
Thundere's nep); 2. Sandbaggedagein
(R Muslen, 20-1); 3. Princess Topaz (J
Outrn, 15-1); 4. The Fly (H Hills, 8-4 fav).
ALSO RAN: 15-2 General's Star, 11
Southerly Wind (50), 14 Mister Prik, Sad
Mad Bad, 16 Eart To Ro. Pearine House
(6th), 20 Champagne Toast, For Your Eyes
Only, 25 Daimeny Dancer, Kaiser Nache.
33 Mitroy, Puzzlement, The Decily, 17 ran.
11, 21, M., 3-W, 11 J Baiding at Kingsclere
Tote: 24.20; £1.40, £6.80, £3.20, £1.20 DF
£43.60. Trio: £513.90 CSF: £71.81
Trictast £578.34

Tricast: 1978.34
2.35 (Im) 1, BISHOP OF CASHEL (W R Swinburn, 4-1), 2, Bin Rosie (L Detion, 4-1); 3, Restructure (J Reid, 7-2 f-fev)
ALSO RAN 7-29 f-av Distant Casis (4th), 6
Ruznama (8th), 12 Nijo, 16 Royal Philosopher, 20 Gothenberg (5th) 8 can 34, 134, 34, 8, rk, J Panshawe at Newmarkel Toter 54.40; £1 50, £1 40, £2 00 DF £5.80, CSF: £19 64. Chepstow

E19 64.

3.10 (1m) 1. REAMS OF VERSE (Pat Eddery, 2-1 law), 2. Dame Laura (T Culnn, 16-1); 3. Gratel (W ft Swinburn, 14-1).

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Brit Balades (4th), 9-2 Outstellina, 14 Reindancing (5th), 16 The In-Laws, 20 Calvalik, 25 Mrs Mirwer, 33 Abbre, 50 Vagabond Charlesuse (6th) 11 ran NR: Fernands, 21, hd, 339, rk, 41 H Ceol at Newmarket Toter 23 00; £1 40, 23 40, 23 10 DF: £30 80 Trio. £214 80.

CSF £31 25.

CSF C31.25.
3.40 (2m 2f) 1, DOUBLE TRIGGER (L
Dettorl, Evens tav); 2, Celertic (N Carson,
13-8), 3, Lear Writte (O Pesiles, 13-2).
ALSO RAN- 25 Admiral's Well (4th),
Assessor (5th), 50 Old Rouvel (5th), 6 ran
21, 21, 21, 4, 7; M Johnston at Middleham.
Tota, C1.80, C1.40, E1.30. DF: C1.60, CSF:
22.90

4.10 (7f) 1, MY BRANCH (M Hills, 7-2); 2. High Summer (Pai Eddery, 100-30 (r-lav):

Going: good to firm
2.10 (1m 21 38):d) 1, Soviet Bride (A Dely,
14-1); 2, Garne Ploy (13-2); 3, Another
Time (12-1) Mister O'Grady 6-1 bav. 15 mn
NR. Heysen. Sh nd. sh nd. S Dow Tole:
618 60; 63.50, 62.30, 64.90, DF £102.10,
1no: £156.20. CSF: £95.07. Tncacl:
£1,048 17.
2.45 (1m 21 38):d) 1, Min Alhaera (R Hills,
9-4); 2, Mibe Universal (5-6 8m); 3,
Ciberssive (7-1), 4 ren. 3(4), sh hd. W Hem.
Tole: £3.00, DF £1.90. CSF: £4.35.
3.20 (7) 16-rf. 1, 8 CSF: £4.35.

Tote: \$2.00. GF: \$1.90 CSF: \$4.35.
3.20 (71 feyd) 1, Royal Amaretto (M Tebbuti, 100-30); 2 Bue Gobin (15-8 tel);
3. Waterspout (10-1): 18 ran NR: Bold Spring, Lights OH Home, H. 4. B Meethan. Tote: \$4.20; \$1.90, \$2.90. OF: \$4.30.
Trio: £106.30. CSF: £10. \$6.29.0. OF: \$4.30.
\$1.50 (71 feyd) 1, Speedy Classic (A Clark, 6-1); 2, Daviello (15-2); 3, Nory's Grab Hire (20-1); 4, Thai Morning (20-1) Paddy's Rice \$9.2 tev. 16 ran. NR: Four Of Spades, Jamer Do, Kowtow, Society Magle: 31, sh Ind. M Healon-Eils. Tote: \$6.70: \$2.20.

Going: good 220 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Hacketts Cross (A Maguite: 5.2 key: 2, Twice The Groom (8-1); 3, Prestige Lady (10-1). 15 ran, 13.1, 3, P Eccles. Toler: \$3.30, \$1.40, \$2.80, \$2.90 DF: \$23.70 Trio: \$103.60, CSF \$23.78 223 78
2.55 (2m 110 yd ch) 1, Super Sharp (G
Supple, 5-2 p-tav); 2, Fernwick (10-1), 3,
Seahawk Retnever (6-1) Willie Matteit 5-2
p-tav 8 ran 9, 51 H Cliver Tote, £3 00;
£1 30, £2 10, £1.80 DF, £11 90, CSF
£25 15, Tricest 3.30 (2m 51 110yd ch) 1, Cets Run (A Johnson, Evens fav); 2, Lucky Dollar (11-8); 3, Blue Raven (6-1), 5 ran, 1141, 151. J Upson, Tota: £1.90; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.74.

Newton Abbot

£1.70. CSF: £2.74.
4.00 (2m 11 hdie) 1, Southern Ridge (Mr A Holdsworth, 12-1); 2, Caddy's First (11-2); 3, Second Colours (6-4 law), 12 ran, 151, 31. R Frost Tote: £11, 07, £2.10, £1.80, £1.10. DF £29.70. Trio: £16.40 CSF: £73,44. 4.30 (2m 5/110yd ch) 1, Harbert Buchanan (A P McCoy, 15-8 lav); 2, Time Enough (11-2); 3, Cleer Idea (13-2), 6 ran, NF: Maggots: Green, 134, 34; P. Nichols, Tote: \$2.40; \$1.30, \$3.60. DF; £3.70. CSF; \$11.95. 5.00 (3m. 3f hole) 1, Acrow Line (D. J. JOCKEYS: M Hills, 28 winners from 152 Burchell, 6-1). 2, Blasket Hero (7-2). 3. rides, 18.4%; L. Dettori, 29 from 183,

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

3.05 Kalabo

4.10 Gone Savage 2.35 Storm Trooper 4.40 Kemmtarra Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 CAPE CROSS (nap). 2.35 Storr Trooper. 3.05 Minds Music.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 9-9432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD.BF.F.G.S) (Mr.; D Roberson) B Hall 8-10-0 . B West (4) 88

1.30 Cape Cross

2.00 Spillo

Brounds in latest race). Going on which boxe has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good S — soll, good to soll, heavy) Owner in brackets. Tranter Age and weight. Rider place any allowance The Times Physic Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.30 AMCO MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,840: 1m str) (10 runners) PERTEMPS MESSRUR 9 (PERTEMPS LD) J PERTE 9-4.

RECOURSE IR Abunila) H Decti 9-0

SHAYA (H A/-Mattaum) W Hem 9-0

VOYAGERS OLDER (R Kaster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0.

WELLCOME BRY (Burthers) Sports LB) J A Hants 9-0.

LOCKOLIT (R Horingsworth) B Hills 8-9

use, 7-2 Firming Around, 4-1 Cape Cross, 5-1 Vayagers Quest, 8-1 Staya, Lookoof, 14-1

1995: HERON ISLAND 9-0 J Red (7-2) P Chapple-Hyam 17 ran 2.00 JOY UK HANDICAP (£5,120: 1m 4f) (14 runners) BETTING: 5-1 Daumt, 6-1 Three Hills, Spillo, 7-1 Jagellon, 8-1 Pillo Creek, Askem, 10-1 Royal Action, Pleasani Surprise, 14-1 others

1995; BIT ON THE SIDE 6-8-0 P McCabe (3-1) W Musson 13 ran

2.35 RJB MINING CONDITIONS STAKES (£7,130: 1m 2f 60yd) (6 runners)

BCTTRNE: 4-5 Sterm Trooper, 4-1 Wijsez, 6-1 Prince Ol My Heart, 8-1 Forest Buck, 10-1 Maiden Caste, 16-1 Tarte Aur Poornes. 1995: RIYADIAN 3-8-11 W Carson (11-8 law) P Cole 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

WALARA 16%1 450 of 8 to Murajia at conditions race at Newbury (Im 21, solf). STORM TROOPER 15%1 ard of 5 to Ames Misabilis in group B Winter Hill Stakes at Windsor (Im 21, solf) and PRINCE OF MY HEART (26 better of) 12 5th. MANDEN CASTLE best Orchestra Stall 101 in 9-ranner residen al Lencaster (1m 2l, soft) penufurnate start. TARTE ALIX POSIMIES 14 last ol 8 to Centre Stalls in conditions race al Sandown (1m, good to lum). FOREST BUCK beat Jeyush 114f in 17-numer maiden at Lencaster (1m, good) Oct 1995. Selection: STORM TROOPER

Salisbury (71, good to Brm) with LONELY LEADER 1941 4th.

IELU GLAPPE heat Miss Riviera 1941 in a 10-remove handicap at Newmorkel (71, good). SiLVER PREY best Reinterd short-head in a 22-runner meiden at Newtony (71, good to firm).

Selection: RUSSIAN MUSIC 3.05 O & K TROY STAKES C4 (Listed race: £11,563: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

BETTRIC: 3-1 Bei Harbour, 7-2 Mênds Masic, 4-1 Kabibo, 5-1 Desert Shot, 8-1 Haleatata, 10-1 Weel-A-Minds Smart Play. 1995: SINGSPIEL 3-8-11 M J Kimme (30-100 lav) M Staute 3 ran FORM FOCUS

BAL HARBOUR 11 2nd of 10 to Carting in group BI
Pht Contaul-Birnn at Desawtile (1m 21, good). ANCHOR CLEVER 12 3nd of 4 to Cartin Can
Choracter Save at Porticitaci (2m 21, good)
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DESERT SHOY nock and 101 3nd of 5 to Bird
Salabili in conditions race at Newmarket (1m 21, good)
SMART PLAY 91 4th of 8 to
Paracan in conditions race at Newmarket 2141
nn 3-runner conditions race at Newmarket (1m 44)
Selection: KALABO

3.35 LAURENT-PERRIER CHAMPAGNE STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £44,491: 7I) (5 runners) 11 BAHHARP 41 (D.F.G.) (R A-Maktourn) J Dundop 8-10 ... W Carson (S)
13 BN COMMAND 24 (BF.F) (M Al-Maktourn) B Hills 8-10 ... M Hills 77
21 MERHERP 49 (D.F.) (Bellool Lidf) Miks G Kellenay 8-10 ... K Fallon 83
1 RELIQUARY 28 (F) (Shellis Moternmed) D Loter 8-10 ... L Dettori 82
11 REVOCUE 24 (D.F.G.) (R Sangster) P Czapple-Hyam 8-10 ... J Rext 65 BETTING: 4-6 Batthere, 7-2 Religions, 5-1 Musheer, 7-1 Revious, 12-1 In Command

1995: ALHAARTH 9-0 W Carson (2-5 lar) W Hem 3 can FORM FOCUS BAHHARE completed double, bear Rich in Love SI
In Hearnertest conditions cace (7.0 good to firm)
REVIOUS beat Symonds ten 2941 in York condiMUSHEER beat Stow Partridge 1941 in Associ
maidea (7.1 good) with 81 CDMMAND 1941 3rd
Selection: BAHHARE

4.10 H LEVERTON HANDICAP (£3,840; 5f) (22 runners)

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100203 RESDER TRADER 13 (0,67,63; (Mrs J Changailla Cha BETTBIG: 6-1 Gase Savage, 7-1 Classy, 8-1 Kira, 10-1 Partitler, 12-1 Surprise Mission, 14-1 Insider Trader Tropical Beach, Just Desadent, Literary Society, 16-1 others. 1995: GENERAL SIR PETER 3-9-5 C Retter (11-1) P Cole 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROYAL, DOME best recent effort best SING WITH THE BAND 11-bit bester off) a head, with CHAD-WELL HALL (Alb bester off) 34-bit 10th and MISSOER TRADER (5b bester off) 54-bit 10th and MISSOER TRADER (5b bester off) 17-bit and EEAU VENTURE (6b bester off) 25-bit 18-bit 18-bit

4.40 SUN PRINCESS CONDITIONS (3-Y-0: £4,560; 1m md) (9 runners)

1995: CLAN BEN 9-1 Pai Eddary (2-1 lav) H Cecil & ran

DONCASTER SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: S bir Surcor, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42 9%; H Cecil, 25 from 93, 26.9%; J Goeden, 33 from 148, 22.3%; Miss G Kellewey, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Stoute, 20 from 100, 20.0%; B Hills, 27 from 140, 19.3%; D Haydn Jones, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

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distribution of the state of th

e arrived late at the ground and they had run out of programmes; this mattered ire jardly at all: programmes are for the filentification of teams and players. hymouth Argyle play in green, the

mly team in the English league Evhose first-choice kit is green, so we Pnew for whom to cheer on the field Dif play, also who were our allies on

Griffin Park, where vou3rentford play foot-rousall, is easier to see Whan to find. Drive west ²⁴lown the M4 and it is _m your left, brightly loodlit; take the road bff the motorway and ou enter a land of one-

way streets with speed humps; each urn you take leads into a housing estate from which you exit in reverse. We made it. Only one gate renained open and the man said: "E8 each, £5 for children and pensioners. £13 if you want to sit." No discount for late arrival. We negotiated a price, he slung the money into a bag, took another look at us, decided we could come up with another fiver. We came up with another fiver. What's the score

"One-all, we should be well in the

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RUGBY UNION

Bath scale

heights

in pursuit of

excellence

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

were a lot of mistakes. There is

The key to Bath's achieve-

ment is the approach of their

home-grown players, which

allowed the manifold talents

of Paul and Robinson to

flourish in front of, among

others, Jack Rowell, the Eng-

Both men have fitted in

comfortably with a group

which, though still amateur

until this season, has enjoyed

a professional outlook for

years. "We have had great

support from the Bath play-

ers." Paul said. "Phil de

Glanville was like a rabbit,

chattering in my ear the whole

time against Swansea, and

Jerry Guscott was the same in

knowledged that they had

been caught out by the pace of

the first half, in which Bath's

movement of the ball was

without parallel in my experi-

ence. During that first 40

minutes, there were only five

lineouts and, throughout the

match, the ball was in play for

35 minutes, compared with 28

when Bath lost to Leicester in

for the attitude, as footballers,

of props such as John Mallett

or Nathan Thomas, the young

Welsh flanker, can only be

imagined. It is utterly laugh-

able that anyone could con-

ceive of the sport's confused

political state preventing Bath

from taking their total rugby

code matches last May.

you have guys like Paul, who

can throw the ball from one

side of the pitch to the other, it

"This is the way we have to

play the game. I realise also

there is a responsibility to

entertain the public particu-

larly since we are now asking

them to pay so much to watch

rugby. We will play in games

where we need a lot more

balance because sides will try

to close us down, so we will

have to hold the ball and drive

it: but the vision of the side

was remarkable and we pla-

yed at a pace and a level I have

not seen from Bath before."

And there is more to come.

is difficult to defend against.

What such a game can do

the league last weekend.

Paul and Robinson ac-

land coach.

training."

a lot more work to be done."

XXX ALL sport, it might be said, is

o it the art of the possible. On

ng Wednesday, Bath showed sets with overwhelming clarity the

hei potential of rugby union for

ball self-expression, for entertain-

Ti ment, for the discipline that

year could help to raise the game in ther Great Britain to new heights.

hear Tomorrow, though, will they

ther do it against Wasps, when

to t there are two league points on

over mise," Brian Ashton, the Bath

"I'm not going to compro-

coach, said after watching his

side score 13 tries, and 87

points, against a Swansea XV

stuffed full of first-class experi-

ence. "It's very easy to go back

and play a limited game, but

that would betray everything

It is far too simplistic to

suggest that the presence of

though part of the attraction at

row will be the sight of Henry

Robinson: settled

Tuigamala, his Wigan col-

league, who will be making

his debut in the Wasps mid-

field, as will yet another of

Wigan's internationals, Gary

Connolly, for Harlequins

against London Irish at the

Jason Robinson and Paul

retain their places in the Bath

back division and, considering

the vivacity that Wasps

showed against Saracens last

Sunday, those who gather at

the Rec - as 6.500 did for the

Anglo-Welsh Cup game - will

be in a for a feast. For Paul

and Robinson to achieve as

much as they did, 72 hours

after playing for Wigan in the

Stones Premiership final and

with, respectively, three and

one training sessions for the

match against Swansea, is

testimony to their intrinsic

Better still, from Bath's

point of view, was their utterly

professional attitude. "We did

our jobs." Paul said, "but there

Stoop Memorial Ground.

Ch two great rugby league play-

fou ers made the difference.

wic the Recreation Ground tomor-

FO Paul playing opposite Va'aiga

we have worked for."

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"Who is, 'we?" But he had

It was a game of two halves: we saw only the second half. We walked to the West Stand, which is for away supporters, behind locked gates as in a low-security prison; the gateman charged us £10 to get in, which he accepted as if he could only just manage it at the price, instead of welcoming the unexpected bounty.

They seemed

to play better

The ground was less than half full and where we sat, behind the Brentford goal which we hoped was to be the scene of action, an elderly man with a

with ten men' wise along the row in front of us shouting into a mobile telephone in Yiddish. He smoked a short, thick, wet, malodorous cigar.

The football was less skilful than you would expect for the money. Long, high kicks, a great deal of time wasting, much inaccurate passing and it was noticeable that, when it came to "support" it was we who provided it. We cheered when we were awarded a throw-in; the red and white-scarved locals kept an almost sullen silence until their men scored goals. We briefly minded having no programme, wanting to look up the

CLEMENT FREUD



on Friday

referee's place of origin; he seemed to

come from very nearby.
Plymouth, whom we have supported since watching our first profes-sional game there in short trousers, have a few problems. Dan McCauley, the chairman, announced that he was trying to sell the club, then said that perhaps he would not. Mr Warnock, our manager, who took us to Wembley and glorious success last season (which is why we now play in the second division) is thinking of leaving, the way managers do, and Grobbelaar, our extrovert goalkeeper, has complications of his own in the courts, next January.

In the light of this, we performed with valour. Brentford scored a second goal midway through the half, a goal that looked offside to us. but the home team's jubilation was such that it would have taken a denied it. Then, one of our men got sent off:

the home team's forward latched on to a long pass and was making for goal when our defender tackled seemed to be from nearby' him from behind, sadly missing the ball. The Pilgrims actually seemed to

play better with ten men: fast, accurate, crisp football culminating in a sensationally brilliant move: Grobbelaar clearance, precision pass to the left wing, impeccable cross and a superb shot into the back of the net.

We were still standing and cheer-ing and punching the air — only partly to clear it from the seriously evil cigar smoke - when Brentford scored again to make it 3-2. A good enough goal, we supposed, looking expectantly at the referee lest he

might finally give us a break; he pointed to the centre circle. "He would," said a green-scarved man sitting behind us. "Being local, like."

In The Bechive in Brentford High Street after the game, the consensus was that the team's heart was back. We were playing better than we had for the past few games. Pilgrims' fans have a reputation for good behavgraver man than the referee to have tour, which cynics maintain is because we behave

The referee

badly only when we win, and we never win. For half an hour, we went through the sa-lient points of the match and then, because there were in that pub a dozen Hun-

garians who support Ferenceáros and were keen to shout for any other team that wears green shirts, we took it in turns to take deep gulps from their huge bottle of over-proof plum brandy. Though we did not have too many words of each other's language, we began a darts match with arrows aimed at the treble-top, finishing with both sides trying to hit the board from 12 metres, unleashing the darts between our legs. At kicking-out time, not too many of us remembered the exact score, or much

A hoot of a myth nailed

A Cry in the Dark. Radio 4. 11.45pm.

Last Friday nìght, deep inside an Amazon forest after dark, Joanna Pinnock turned pale as a wildlife expert described to her the bloodleast rituals of the vampire bat. I could not work how, by torchlight, he knew that his companion had changed colour. A relatively milder horror awaits Pinnock tonight as she ventures deep inside an English wood with Simon Final Control with Simon Final Contro English wood with Simon King, another wildlife specialist. A hedgehog screams out in distress, the inference being that a badger has decided to risk a mouthful of spines and have a late-night snack. The hoot of a tawny owl prompts King to nail the myth, famously circulated by Shakespeare, that owls go too-wit too-wor. The sound engineer's biggest coup is to record the footfalls of a badger.

Over the Counter. Radio 4. 12.25pm.

As the old song says, there's an awful lot of coffee in Brazil. There's an As the old song says, there's an awful lot of conee in Brazil. There's an awful lot in Duke Street, London, WI, too. Run by brother and sister Tony and Audrey Higgins and Tony's son, David, their shop sells 30 different kinds of coffee, mostly unblended because that is what customers prefer. Tony Higgins offers this musical analogy: unblended coffee is like a solo instrument, but blended coffee is like the whole orthester. If Oliver Walston, the interviewer, wished to be the whole orchestra. If Oliver Walston, the interviewer, wished to be a clever Dick, he would have said that Tony Higgins's analogy could not be right because more people prefer an orchestra to, say, an

RADIO 1

FM Stereo, 6.30am Chris Evans 9.00 Smon Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 6.00 Drive-In and at 6.30 The Mix 7.00 Essentiel Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle. Two hours of harcore drums and base 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 3.00am Annie Nightingale 5.00 Charite Jordan

RADIO 2

PM Stereo 6.00am Martin Kehner, incl 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stawart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Mad about Musicals. Paul Nicholas hosts the quiz for arreteur musical associations 7.30 Edicke Michel & Muse Nicht From Iba Friday Night is Music Night From the Hippodrome in Golders Green, with the BBC Concert Orchestra 8.45 Every LMng Thing 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 George Melly. A Birthday Celebra-tion Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05em Charles Nove

5.00am Morning Reports , incl 5.45 Welve Up to Money 6,00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine, with Brien Heyes 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Edira 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport, with Robin Bailey. Footbell Commentary on a Division One game plus goti, cricter and the rest of the day's sport 10.05 Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander 11.00 Night Edira, with David McNeill 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Flothard Dellyn. Ali Night, with Flichard Dailyn

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chistolm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sport 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00am Mike

WORLD SERVICE

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4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Breaklas 4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Breaklast Show 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Smons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto Poulenc (Concerto for two planos in D minor)3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Newsnight 6.30 Sonata. New release 7.00 Classic Showcase 8.00 Evening Concert. Bizet (Symphony in C): Debus-sy (La Mer): Defius (On Hearing the First Cueloo in Spring): Easter (Regulator). On Cuckoo in Spring); Faure (Requiem, Op 48)10,00 Michael Mappin, including at 11.00 Friday Live 1.00am Selly Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.98 Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Banks 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am Howard Pearce

6.00am On Air. Includes Mozert, Schubert, Weber, Brahms, Rigatti and Strauss

9.00 Morning Collection. Handel, Liszt, Barber and

Faure
10.00 Musical Encounters.
Francesco Salieri (Sirrionia In
B flat, La Tempesta di mare); Anon (Los set goyts, Libre vermeit); Jongen (Scherzetto, Op 108); Beethoven (Piano Concerto in D, an from Violin

Concerto) 12.00 Composer of the Wesic Bach

1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Bartok Plus. Devid Campbell, clarinet, Michael Thompson, horn, Madeleine Mitchell, violin, Roger Chase, viola, Christopher Van Kampen, cello, Andrew Ball, piano. Bertok (Contrasts for violin, clarinet and plano); Kodaly (Intermezzo for violin,

2.00 Preoccupations. The cellst Robert Cohen talking about a subject which is close to his

heart 2.05 Dvořák (Rondo in G minor, Op 94) Robert Cohen, cello, Anthys Rest, piano 2.15 Music Restored, Presented

3.00 Mining the Archive.
Recordings from Edith
Vogel's career, Includes
Schumann (Allegro in B
minor, Op 8; Davidso

burilertanze, Op 6); Brahms (Two Ballades, Op 10 Nos 1 and 2); Schubert (Variations in A flat for piano dust) Music Machine 5.15 in Tune. Includes Toreli (Sonata in C); Liszt (Taranteli de brayoure sur des themes

de La Muette de Portici): Berstein (Three Danca Episodes, On the Town)

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6.45 BBC Proms 1996 (With
BBC2). Bruckner (Prelude
and Fugue in C minor; Locus
iste; Os justi; Afterentur regr;
Aequalis No 1; Christus
factus est; Aequalis No 2; Ave
Maria; Ecce sacerdos
menus 1, 20 Solit and magnus) 7.20 Solti and Chicago (With BBC2) 7.40 Proms Part 2 Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor,

Choral)

9.10 Each Morning Once More Seamless. (r)

9.20 Schumann (Kreisienana, Op

16) Bernard d'Ascoli, piano,

10.00 Hear and Now.

12.00 Composers of the Week: Falls, Gerhard and the Heritage of Spain 1.00am Through the Night

Repetition Read by Patricia Hayes (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00
News Briefing 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today not 7.25, 8.25
Sport 8.45 Thought for the
Day 8.40 P.G. Woodshouse's
Golf Stories: Rodney Has a
Relapse 8.68 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island
Discs (r)

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Discs (r)
9.45 Gerry's Bar. The first of lour
casual encounters with life in
Northem Ireland and beyond
by Geny Anderson
10.00 News; Witnessing History
(FM). John Florance talks to
people who were present at
the premiero of Britten's War
Requiem (1/3)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 The Natural History

12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Over the Counter. See
Choke 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
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2.00 News; The Classic Serial;
Dombey and Son (2/6) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shim
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.

First reactions to the opening concorts at the Bridgewater 4.45 Short Story: Constant

5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Parties and Gardens (5/6)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Ann Taylor,
MP; the film-maker Sir David
Puttram Michael Headline Puttnam, Michael Heseltine MP: and the journalist Arms

Applebaum join Jonathan
Dimbleby in Biggleswade
8.50 Speaking as an Expert (2/5)
9.15 Letter from America By
Alistar Cooke
9.30 Kateldoscope Feature: Caria's Song Mike Gonzalez reports from the set of Ken

Loach's new film 9.59 10,00 The World Tonight

10,00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The
Curtain with the Knot in it,
11.00 Week Ending. The topical
comedy sketch show returns,
with Sally Grace and Toby
Longworth
11.25 Ten Junction. A sceptical
look at the week's events
11.45 A Cry in the Dark, See
Choice (2/5)

12.00 News Incl 12.27am approx 12.30 The Late Book 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Paul touches down for one of Bath's 13 tries against Swansea, a performance that broadened the sport's horizons

English clubs make running

asps must be feeling somewhat disgrun-tled this week. Looking down the list of nine Anglo-Welsh fixtures completed by Wednesday evening, they find that they are the only ones from England to have lost. The English clubs accumulated 376 points to the 176 points of their Welsh counterparts and scored 51 tries against 19. This is an impressive set of statistics that will bring a warm ring of confidence to the inhabitants of Twickenham's technical department and a whimpering

on to a European stage. Bath have looked at the law cry for the comfort blanket at changes, have considered the the Arms Park. southern hemisphere's Super 12 tournament, and have learnt from their experience against Wigan in the crossbetween the scores may very Knitting it together produced the 13-try explosion on Wednesday. We have to get the basic principles right, of continuity, width and pace," Ashton said. There's nothing tion of the strength of English fancy about it. though when

club activity. Yet it has to be asked: What kind of competition is it? And it has to be admitted: Not

much of one. Before anyone raises a pen to condemn this as dismissive whingeing from the side of the border that has been on the receiving end of these canings, let us look at the

This has been a club-inspired competition. The participants have simply been divided into four groups of six with no method dictating the groupings. Confirmation that the matches were to take place came only last week; no comprehensive list of fixtures Gerald Davies believes the Anglo-Welsh Cup needs restructuring without delay

That the traditional connection has been revived after a decade's absence has to be welcomed. Though these are early days, the discrepancy well indicate that what the England team has managed to accomplish during this period is in fact a true reflec-

has been made available. Matches have been played without knowing what points are awarded for a win, loss or The date of the final - May 18 - falls two days after the

British Isles have departed for South Africa, which raises the question, in the event of players being committed to both the touring party and the dimax to this competition, as to where their obligations will

Or, more precisely, what does a player's contract, which may have a clause stipulating his release for his national team, state about his selection for the Lions? This and other matters will be discussed next week between representatives of the English

have these games been? Have they reflected the respective

and Welsh unions. How meaningful. though.

Scots poised to move

sion Rugby and the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) are set to worsen with the news that representatives from English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) are to meet the leading 20 Scottish clubs in Edinburgh on Sunday (Mark Souster writes).

offer its version of the future

for domestic rugby, which is

likely to include a British!

It is expected that Epruc will

THE deteriorating relations European league, into which between Scottish First Divi-Scotland's clubs could be in-

strengths and weaknesses of

the clubs either side of the

border? How significant is the

Neath, Pontypridd and

Swansea did not by a long

way, play their full teams.

Hard cheese, you may say;

but, they reason, because of

the uncertain status of the

competition, Welsh clubs, for

the moment value their do-

mestic competition more. This

Europe. They know what it

Mike Ruddock, the director

of coaching at Swansea, who

lost 87-15 to Bath on Wednes-

day, said: "We played three

them all. The next week we

have Dunvant, Pontypridd

and Llanelli. That's a tough

schedule and I want all my

players available. My aim is

the top four in the Welsh

league so that my club is

mes last week and won

stands for.

the declared route into

competition this season?

Having become increasingly frustrated by what they believe is the SRU's intransigence over funds from Europe, player contracts and proposals for the 1996-97 fixture list, which were unanimously rejected on Wednesday, the Scottish clubs believe that they have little to lose by throwing in their lot with their English counterparts,

season. Since we are not in the Heineken [European] Cup this season, it has to be my priority for next year."

He is not a man to make excuses, though, "There is a huge gulf between what Bath can achieve and what I can achieve at Swansea," he said. They are operating at a different level to us. They are a fully professional outfit with their players able to train when they want to during the day and to rest when they please. That's the game's

future. But I'm still operating, by and large, under the philosophy of the old system. Every one of my players, although under contract and is paid, still has a job to go to during the day. We train when the squad is available, two or three evenings a week."

uddock added: "The Anglo-Welsh competi-tion is very important. It will grow, but the system needs to be thought out better. don't think, for example, that Wasps or Leicester should have to travel so far in midweek or Welsh clubs should make the return journey into England at that time. They would be better played, sure-

ly, at the weekend," Evidence accumulates weekly of muddled or hurried thinking. Until English and Welsh administrators sit down and look at the fixtures overall, they are in danger of simply growing without shape and with no sense of proper focus and climax. Quality of competition is the key, not quantity.

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Low-level London fantasy is mere kids' stuff

Rats and heights, rats and heights. That's what the Government of Scot. Richard (Gary Bakewell), admitted he was scared of, at the beginning of the quite appalling new fantasy dra-ma series Neverwhere (BBC2) last night. Neverwhere began with a short, jumpy, and promisingly stylish chat to camera from Richard which held important clues. and cunningly bypassed the usual dramatic methods of characterisation. For example, Richard had lived in London two years (Er. I've lived in London two years). and was no longer intimidated by the Underground ("I don't get lost on the Underground any more"). He collected little plastic trolls (yes, trolls - making him the last man on Earth to do so). And, as already mentioned, he was scared of rats and heights.

Neverwhere has been hyped as a

Emile Zola (the first two being well-known excuses for terrible dialogue, cheap sets and curiously deserted exteriors). Richard is drawn underground to a world of pipes and ladders with haughty. dreadlocked dandies in leather trencheoats, leadenly comic heavies in plastic macs, and Trevor Peacock done up like a lat pigeon in a Mongol hat. They have names like Marquis de Carabas, and to Richard's distaste, some of their best friends are rats. "Flefdoms" and "baronies" are regularly mentioned but not explained. In short, imagery-wise, it's as though some-body had heard a Terry Gilliam film described, but never actually

Anyway, Richard is the hero, we must keep remembering, which is difficult because he's so normal and boring ("I'm normal and boring"). But boring or not, Richard is brand new drama form - a cross aware of the homeless on the between comic-strip. Dr Who and streets of London, and helps an

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6.00am Open University: Cell Biology (2280313) 6.25 Hardwick Hall (2372348) 6.50 The Church of Santa

7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9096232) 7.55 Cartoon Critiers (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2182868) 8.20 Secret Life of Toys (r)

9.00 Blitz on Cartooning (r) (s) (14023) 9.30 Brainwaves (6219665) 9.35 Today's Gourmet (r) (5997990) 10.00 Playdays

Maria dei Miracofi, Venice (1946351) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News

(s) (6149435) 8.35 Lassie (r) (2544042)

(s) (3747752) 10.25 A Question of

Sport's Golden Oldies (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3757139) 10.55 The Wreck of the

Stella (9677145) 11.45 The Perfect Pickle Programme (r) (s) (982023) 12.15pm Young Man and His Dog (r)

(Ceefax) (s) (2712868) 1.00 The World of Wines (40077) 1.30 Working Lunch

(34329) 2.00 Secret Life of Toys (r) (s)

Goodwood, Includes News and Weather

2.15 Tennis and Racing from Goodwood.

6.20om The Munsters: Herman, the Muster

Sir Georg Soiti conducts (6.45pm)

Bruckner's death, his choral music is performed by the BBC Singers under

Jane Glover; plus Beethoven's Ninth (s)

seize the opportunity to grab a view minutes of television fame (r) (Ceefax) (s)

sequent programmes may run late

6.45 BBC Proms 1996. In commemoration of the centenary of

9.00 Bottom: Camival. Eddie and Richie

10.00 The Fall Guy. Danny Brown teaches Britain's middle management how to get ahead in business (73936)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show Phil wants the

11.40 Seinfeld: The Movie. Jerry is frustrated

12.30 FILM: La Collectionneuse (1967)

job of head writer that Larry has

when he tries to squeeze in two comedy

appearances on opposite sides of low

starring Haydée Politoff. An antique

dealer and an artist share a villa in St

Tropez with a girl who tries to seduce a different man every night. Directed Eric Rohmer (36153) Ends at 2.00

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (996042)

advertised on air (825665)

12.05am Grace under Fire (1979917)

(75402961)

9.30 Pulp Video (42394)

Spy (b/w) (Ceefax) (495954)

injured girl called Door, after which there is no going back (she's a one-way Door!). But he should stick with his plastic trolls, because the real troglodytes are so naff they are unspeakable. "Who have you brought us, Iliaster?" demands the mighty Lord Rat-Speaker, in a thinly imagined and badly lit subterranean setting which no amount of scarlet smoke and kettle drum can make exciting. "Talk!" he commands. "Talk, talk!" If this sort of thing sounds familiar in-stead of startlingly innovative, so it ought. This is children's television! Ha ha ha. And the guys at the BBC

There were two good things about Neverwhere. One was it was only half-an-hour. The other was that a good idea was buried in it, about homeless people being virtually invisible. In the best sequence last night. Richard hailed taxis that didn't stop, and



Lynne

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talked to old mates in the office who couldn't see him. I expect his surname - Mayhew - was significant rather than accidental, too, since he'll be investigating London labour and London poor, like his famous namesake who dirtied his notecod among the mudlarks and

crossing-sweepers. But I'm grasping at proverbial wisps here, and fooling nobody. Neverwhere stinks. I watched it

twice and it didn't get better. How can you forgive a script with no wit in it? Neil Gaiman, its writer and co-deviser, may be a whiz at comic strips (I wouldn't know), but his dialogue makes you remember why writers have not yet been replaced by machines. Why does Richard keep getting his fiancée's name wrong? (He calls her "Jess" instead of Jessica, as if he's only just met her.) And another thing. Door knows so little of the "upworld" that she runs to the window saying "Which barony is this?" and calls Richard "Richard Richard Mayhew Dick" because that's how he lengthily introduces him-self. Yet when he says "Let's call the police", she says "Per-lease! Gimme a break!" - which is slightly odd vocabulary for Namia

or wherever it is she comes from.
I learnt that "widdershins" means anti-clockwise, but I'm snatching air again. Lenny Henry is the man behind it, apparently because he loves comic strips. But don't people love comic strips for the artwork, generally?

Taving missed the first Hello Girls (BBCl), I caught up with episode two. Hello Girls is as fluffy as the angora sweater Letitia Dean supposedly bought with her first GPO wage packet, but at least it's perfectly judged — the period look, the period speech, and the clever use of "Trying to connect you" when there's nothing else to say. It's a real success. Dean wiggles her hips and makes excellent kissme fish lips at her Bakelite mouth piece ("I'm sorry, the line is engaged"), while the new-girl heroine, Sylvia (Arny Marston), wrestles with her political conscience. symbolised by footwear. Is she a white stiletto, or a brown brogue? Cleverly, she wears grey socks with both, and keeps her options open. Nobody has mentioned de-

odorant yet, which is my only quibble. Jammed together in summer with six colleagues all with their arms up and down all day let's just say the issue would be

bound to come up.

Meanwhile The X Files returned at last (BBCI), as confusing and hilarious as ever, with lots of people being murdered for a digital tape and Scully (Gillian Anderson) discovering a micro-chip sewn into her neck. Mulder hovered between life and death in a teepee, nursed by a wise old Indian who found him in the desert pinpointed by circling buzzards. I'm not making this up. Three days his fever lasted: days of sand painting and leaf-dressing and wise old baloney of all sorts, after which Mulder sat up and asked for a glass of water. Typical of the convoluted X Files, this. If they had only given him a glass of water to start with, none of the rest would have been necessary.

6.00am Business Breakfast (78690) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (49348)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (8559313)

9.20 Style Challenge (1958067) 9.45 Kilroy (1264313) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (12665) 11.00 News and weather (4626145)

11.05 Phantom of the Opera. (1/2) Romantic drama based on Gaston Leroux's classic tale about a masked figure who haunts the Paris Opera House hoping to win the heart of the only worman he ever loved. With Burt Lancaster (r) (Ceefax) (55661684)

12.50pm Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes (19193619)1.00 News & Weather (42435)

1.30 Regional News and Weather (45206023) 1.40 Neighbours. See 5.35 (Ceefax) (s)

(32574042) 2.00 Call My Bluff (6212435) 2.35 Turnabout (1778313) 3.00 Peter Seabrook's Gardening Week (1145)

3.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood (8639955) 3.55 Dear Mr Barker (6119868) 4.10 To Me...to You 7566684) 4.35 Grange Hill (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4855690) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7945706) **5.10 Blue Peter** (2585665)

5.35 Neighbours. Luke gears up to join the boys in blue, Libby is upset over Brett. With Brett Blewitt (r) (Ceefax) (s) (822313) 6.00 News and weather (Ceelax) (313)

6.30 Regional news (665)

7.00 Muppets Tonighti (Ceefax) (s) (286058) 7.25 Top of the Pops. This week's best-selling singles, live performances and pre-chart exclusives (364771)

8.00 Parts. Comedy series about two men who find the path to true love McGinley, Des McAleer (Ceetax) (s)

8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Richard is worried that Hyacinth's attendance at a classy auction is going to cost him a lot of Swift and Judy Comwell (r) (Ceetax) (s)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News, regional news and

weather (2619) 9.30 Dangerfield: Tricks. A routine notice examination of a suicide lead Dangerfield to a rather bizarre and dangerous conclusion. With Nigel Le Vaillant, Denise Black, Michael Melia, Fiona Victory, Tim Vincent and Tamzin Maileson (Ceelax) (s) (421348)

10.20 Parkinson: the Interviews — Connolly. (Ceelax) (478416)

11.05 FILM: The Dirty Dozen: The Next Mission (1985) Action adventure set in 1944 With Ernest Borgnine, Lee Marvin. Directed by Andrew V McLaglen (Ceelax) (376874)

12.35 FILM: And Now the Screaming Starts (1973) Horror starring Peter Cushing. A young bride unwittingly marries into a tamily that is cursed. Directed by Roy Ward Paker (2503630)

2.00am-2.05 Weather (5419172)

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It is in the nature of a live show that its contents are not finally decided until close to transmission but expect the same basic mix of music acts, celebrities and stunts as in the previous series. As before the mix will be surred by Chris Evans, the anchorman of the ginger hair and manic style, whose mere presence is a guarantee that the proceedings will be noisy, frenetic and cheeky or infantile, according to taste. The new series has much to live up to. Last time Blur, Simply Red, Pulp and Van Morrison were among the musical turns, while Ron Atkinson from football was a rare representative of the over-50 generation. But the bits regular viewers will probably remember most are Jon Bon Jovi burning his initials into the studio table with a blow torch and Cher pretending to be a suburban housewife.

BBC Proms 1996 BBC2, 6.45pm

Quarter-final action from the Boumemouth International Open, Plus the 2.40; 3.10 and 3.40 races from The penultimate night of the Proms is not the razzle-dazzle affair that the Last Night is but this year, at least, it is no less deserving of attention. For one thing the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is back, after a gap of seven years, under its conductor laureate, Sir 3.55 News and Weather (Ceefax) (4782042) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (706) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (690) 5.00 Esther (s) (4232) 5.30 Tennis (s) Georg Solti. For another, the main work is Beethoven's Symphony No 9, which has been part of the Proms repertoire since 1898 and is restored to its traditional place in the concert schedule. In the interval James Naughtie talks to Solti about the orchestra and the symphony and there are extracts from a 1972 Omnibus film on Solti's work in Chicago. The first half of the concer comprises pieces by Anton Bruckner, including motets and the Prelude and Fugue in C Minor played by the organist John Scott and conducted by Jane Glover.

Safe and Sound: Spare Parts

Timothy Prager's Irish comedy should perhaps have been scheduled on BBC2 than on BBC1, where expectations may be rather for humour broader and more obvious. But it has settled well into its understated mode and become stronger with each episode. To an extent it encapsulates the age-old Irish joke about characters who are better at talking their way through life than coping with its practical necessities. But the writing has been rich enough to bring the formula up fresh and the casting, particularly of Des McAleer and Sean McGinley as the Belfast motor mechanics with their turbulent domestic relationships, is spot-on. The series signs off with a plot as expertly constructed as that of any French farce involving scam, counter-scam and a perfect punchline. Safe and Sound deserves to return.

Eurotrash Channel 4, 11.05pm

Whether Eurotrash deserves another outing is a matter of opinion but here it is, back for a seventh series, determined to break what barriers of taste are still intact after the first six. The big news is that the resident French double-act has split up. Jean Paul Gaultier has found better (or perhaps worse) things to do, leaving Antoine de Caunes to hold the show together. But he will not be alone. Each week he will assisted by a guest presenter, such as Ivana Trump, Anna Nicole Smith, Damon Albarn or David Ginola from Newcastle United. Another new face, though that is not where viewers will be looking, is Lolo Ferrari. She claims to have Europe's biggest bust measurement. Other promised treats include the Finnish kissing championships and a visit to a Japanese restaurant in Germany where diners can eat off a naked woman. Peter Waymark 6.00am GMTV (9155435)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) (5352428) 9.55 Regional News (3837329) 10.00 The Time...the Place (2708077) 10.35 This Morning (Teletext) (64450313)

12.30pm ITN News and weather (2317503) 12.55 Murder, She Wrote (8185752) 2.00

3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (7020874)

3.45 Keith (s) (6113684)

4.15 Captain Simian and the Space Monkeys (Teletext) (7550023) 4.40 Fun House (Teletext) (8625706)

5.10 A Country Practice (5170400) 5.40 FTN News and weather (Teletext)

6.00 Home and Away. Sellna is shocked by Chloe's behaviour (r) (Teletext) (s) (991058)

not go as planned and Tricia has a hospital appointment (Teletext) (145)

8.00 The Bilt: Karma, Deakin and Boulton investigate a psychiatrist whose counsel-

8.30 Strange but True? Encounters.
Michael Aspel presents more stories of the paranormal (Teletext) (s) (6077)

10.30 Regional News (284874)

Alfred Hitchcock Presents (1986207) 12.40 Funny Business (3378356) 1.15 The Good Sex Guide . . . Late (s)

2.15 FILM: The Execution (1985). Five Jewish women find that their torturer from a war-time prison camp is now a successful LA restaurant owner and vow to bring him to Justice. With Loretta Swift and Rip Torn. Directed by Paul Wendkos

As HTV WEST except:

12.20 Regional News (Teletext) (7147868)

Home and Away (97808690) 2.25 Quisine (97918077) 2.55 Simply Delicious with Family and Friends

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7029145) Jay's World: The Lion and the Mouse. (6298329)

4.00 Roger and the Rottentrolls: Coronation Valley. A new cornedy series for children (6106023)

6.25 Regional News (Teletext) (948941)

7.00 Lucky Numbers (Teletext) (s) (5394) 7,30 Coronation Street. Maxine's gig does



Shaun Scott as Chris Deakin (8.00pm)

ling of a female prisoner has had bizarre consequences (Teletext) (4042)

9.00 Bramwell. Eleanor opens the Thrift Infirmary but discovers that trying to distinguish the deserving from the undeserving poor can be both difficult and dangerous (r) (Teletext) (s) (5058)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (22042)

10.40 Late and Live (4752526) 12.10am

4.05 Not Fade Away (6786172) 5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (68608) 5.30 ITN Morning News (24559)

5.10pm Let's Go (3483936) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (948941) 10.40 Barry Weish is Coming (918313) 11.10 Mainly Men (641145) 11.40 Swift Justice (173135)

* WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.25pm Illuminations (7228787) 12.55 Coronation Street (2229394)

1.25-1.55 Quisine (68186597) 1.55 Home and Away (83943085) 2.25 High Road (97918077) 2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (1856145)

5.10 Home and Away (5170400) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (30503) 10.30 Westcountry News (102226) 10.45 Club 2245 (112077) 11.45 Highlander (228313)

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As HTV West except: 12.55pm Home and Away (2229394) 1.25 Quisine (68186597) 1.55 A Country Practice (32651145)

5.10 Shortland Street (5170400) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (948941)

10.40 FILM: My Blue Heaven (56573435) 12.25em Sledge Hammer (1177849)

12.50 Cornedy Central (1599714) 1.45 The Good Sex Guide... Late (5410375) 2.50 cyber.cafe (8018191) 3.15 Heiter Skeiter (6734998)

4.05 Jobfinder (8567714) **5.20 Asian Eye** (9880424)

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Show (961) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (102226) 10.45 The Specialists (145145)

11.15 A406 (142058) 11.45 Hunter (228313)

5.00am Freescreen (68608) Sic .

Starts: 6,35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (8823844) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (32058) 9.00 FILM: Anthony Adverse (84651787) 11.35 Cops (5351955) 12.00pm Sesame Street (32961) 1.00 Slot Melthrin: Bwgan a Street (32961) 1.00 Slot Melthrin: Bwgan a Pingu (35145) 1.30 Chasing Shadows (5522232) 2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster (85993394) 4.30 Strictly Dancing (918) 5.00 5 Pump: Tosla (8171597) 5.15 5 Pump: Tarol Tarol (7844023) 5.30 Countdown (110) 6.00 Newyddion 6/ News (277400) 6.15 Heno (891435) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (106868) 7.25 Cwlst (357481) 8.00 Clwb Garddio (2684) 8.30 Newyddion/ News (4619) 9.00 The Celluloid Closet (3400) 10.00 Brookside (20684) 10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? (347232) 11.05 Eurotrash (640416) 11.35 T.F.I. Friday (867961) 12.40am Film: Strangers on a Train (873917) 2.30 Film: Le

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (32058)

9.00 FILM: Anthony Adverse (1936) Wideranging epic based on Hervey Allen's 19th-century adventurer. With Fredric March, Ofivia de Havilland, Claude Rains and Gale Sondergaard. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy (84651787)

11.35 Domo, Animation (8553690) 11.45 Over My Dead Body (r) (9732077)

12.30pm Garden Party (r) (57226) 1.00 Sesame Street (45481) 2.00 Reel Truth? (4/4) (5348) 2.30 Channel 4 Racing (96315)

4.30 Countdown (918) 5.00 Absolutely Animals (r) (6/6) (6400) 5.30 Crawshaw's Sketching and Drawing



The return of Chris Evans (6.00pm)

6.00 T.F.I Friday. Chris Evans returns with more music, celebrities and sturits (38145) 7.00 Channel 4 News (678367) 7.55 Books

of the Century (527077) 8.00 Garden Party. From the Pnory Garden, Kemerton, Hereford and Worcester

(2684)8.30 Brookside. Lindsey is trying to forget the past but can Mike? David is impressed as Sammy prepares to do battle with the

authorities (4619) 9.00 Cybill: Going Out With a Bang. Mad but winningly wisecracking comedy. Can this be true love for Cybill and Maryann?

With Cybill Shepherd and Christine Baranskí (5329) 9.30 Friends: The One With the Prom Video. An old home video of prominight shows Monica and Rachel preparing for

the prom as well as showing a side of Ross that Rachel finds hard to resist. With Courteney Cox. Jennifer Aniston and David Schwimmer (33690) 10.00 Frasier: It's Hard to Say Goodbye If You Won't Leave. Frasier realises he has strong feelings for Kate, just as she announces she is relocating to Chicago.

10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? (347232) 11.05 Eurotrash. Antoine de Caunes is back for a seventh

series (1/6) (640416) 11.35 T.F.I. Friday. As 6pm (r) (867961) 12.40 FILM: Strangers on a Train (1951) with Robert Walker and Farley Granger. Classic suspense thriller about a charming, dengerous psychopath. Dir-

ected by Alfred I-litchcock (873917) 2.30 FILM: Le Baccanti (1961) with Taina Elg and Pierre Brice. Toga and torso reworking of Euripides's The Bacchantes Directed by Glorgio Ferroni. In Italian with English subtitles. (748743) Ends at 4.20am

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (89936) 9.00 Press Your Lick (7182874) 9.20 Love Connection (873565) 9.45 Opean Wintrey (1118435) 10.40 Jeopardyl (6523226) 11.10 Salv Jessy Raphael (9467690) 12.00 Geraldo Jessy Raphael (9467690) 12.00 Geraldo Jessy Raphael (9467690) 12.00 Jenny Jones (49574) 3.00 Court fv (1974) 3.30 Ornal Wintrey (1199348) 4.15 Undun (7672329 5.00 Cuantum Leap (9256 6.00 Severy Hills 90210 (85023) 7.00 LAPD (3905) 7.30 MrAYS-H (9668) 8.00 Just Nidding (5903) 8.30 Jimmy's (8110) 9.00 Welker, Totas Ranger (28706) 10.00 Crantum Leap (25655) 11.00 Highlander (5200) 12.00 Midnight Celler (84965) 1.00am (APD (49578) 1.30 Anything Bid Love (56356) 2.00 Hill Me Long Play (28559)

7.00pm The Simpsons (1580040) 7.30 Sea Pescus (6780313) 8.00 Nowhere Man (4270855) 9.00 Modes Inc (4383619) 10.00 Frs (4385706) 11.00 Let Show, with Dane Letermer (7084905) 12.00 H/l Mix

SKY NEWS News on the hour 6.00am Sunner (992)(77) 9.30 Century 6.00am Sunner (992)(77) 9.30 Century 63394) 10.30 ABC Nagnière (5602) 1.30pm 68 News (21668) 2.30 CBS News 2.3590; 3.30 Century (769) 6.30 Tonght, 2.3590; 3.30 Century (769) 6.30 Sportsine 23-90; 3.30 Century (7:69) 6.30 Tongin, with Acam Boutten (12:6) 7.30 Sportsing (12:4); 8.30 Entertainment (6750) 11.30 CBS News (8610) 12.30mm ABC World Enter (956-6) 1.30 Tongin, with Adam (5:50) (10:96); with Adam (7:50) (10:96) 3.30 Century (15:43) 4.30 CBS News (97578) 5.30 ABC World News (97578) 5.30 AB (1993) (31226) 10.00 The Mangler (1994) (714023) 11.45 Showdown in Little Tokyo (1991) (221431) 1.05em krytefibe: The Chronicles of Benfamin Knight (1993) (5982559) 2.25 Betrayal of the Dove (1992) (598998) 4.00-6.00 Roadracers (1994) (20191)

12.00 A Demeel in Distress (1937) (43936) 2.00pm Thunder Bay (1953) (94787) 4.00 Mildred Pierce (1945) (757) 5.00 Cowboy (1957) (54333) 8.00 Chro's Heart (1968) (13688) 10.00 Fetal Beauty (1967) (867431) 11.50 Friday the 13th Part VI: Jeson Lives (1965) (609394) 1.20cm Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte (1965) (15219199) 3.30-4.40 A Dog's Life (1918) (7759530) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Mevice Gold takes over from 10pm to 4sm.

8.00am Bonkers (1662584) 6.25 Mouse Tracks (1754619) 6.50 Derkwing Duck (3345416) 7.15 Quack Artack (308858) 7.60 Atackin (1891042) 8.05 Thron and Pumbea (7578145) 8.30 Bonkers (7665) 9.30 Lamb Chops Play Alongi (91856) 10.00 Mupper Babies (56400) 10.30 Adventures in Wonderstand (60329) 11.00 Quack Artack (74481) 11.30 Under the Umbrette Tree (75110) 12.00 Fraggie Rock (74481) 12.30pm Lamb Chops Play Alongi (91892) 1.00 Thron and Pumbea (75077) 1.30 Atackin (41333) 2.00 Derkwing Duck (9396) 2.30 Grounding Mersh (8313) 3.00 Quack Atlack (7217866) 3.25 Mouse Tracks (7392503) 3.50 Derkwing Duck (2350955)

Cheque (67351) 8.00 Fil.M: Fresky Friday (46836706) 9,35-10,00 Home Im-provement (806597) EUROSPORT

7.30am Cycling (33771) 8.00 Football (73482) 10.00 Tennis — Live (52874) 12.00 Tractor Pulling (55961) 1.00pen Mountamble (68481) 2.00 Cycling (9348) 2.30 Cycling Live (77955) 4.00 International Motorsports Report (25145) 5.00 Football (33348) 7.00 Four-wheels (7336) 7.30 Truck Racing (9660) 8.00 Tractor Pulling (66336) 9.00 Sumo (79400) 10.00 Golf (52787) 11.00-12.30am Cycling (84329) SKY SPORTS

SKY SPORTS 2

12.00 ASP Surting (7754 8890) 1.00pm Goll USA: The President's Cup — Live (70417232) 3.00 World Sports Special (6665096) 5.30 Finish Line (16005630) 6.00 Trans World Sport (77549874) 7.00 Finday Night Football, Nucleostaed v Oldham — Live (80919752) 1.0.00-12.00 Australian Rules Football (52580023)

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Joan Crawford stars in Mildred Pierce (Sky Movies Gold, 4.00pm)

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4.00pm Biography (8893752) 5.00 Ariciárti Mystenes (5768771) 6.00 Weapons al War (7331767) 7.00-8.00 Biography: Outlaws and Wilains (8170329) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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6.00am Swan's Crossing (1757708) 6.20 Metidown: Teenage Urban Advantures (1655394) 6.45 Degrassi Junior High (613481) 7.15 Ready or Not (610391) 7.45 Cafforma Dreams (619665) 8.15 Sweet Valley High (157400) 8.45 Art Altack (4807866) 9.00 Tiny and Crew (46029) 11.00 Dinobables (67955) 11.30 Jim Henson's Animal Show (68684) 12.00 Samey (84655) 12.30 ppm Oscar's Oxforbita (12229) 1.00 Casper and Francis (75023) 1.30 Tiny and Crew (16503) 3.00 Degrass Junior High (7145) 3.30 Ready or Not (9232) 4.00 Caldomis Dreams (2139) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley High (1023) NICKEL ODEON

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8.00am Turtise (82229) 6.30 Biker Mice from Mars (95023) 7.00 Rocko (27110) 7.30 Rugrads (19145) 8.00 Doug (45042) 8.30 Aaahhill Real Monsters (44313) 8.00 Camen Sandaego (35865) 9.30 Weinhorne (72884) 10.00 Bananas in Pyjamas (3015400) 10.10 Rehard Scarry (479077) 10.35 Mr Men (8004705) 10.40 Henry's Cat (6001619) 10.45 Bananas in Pyjamas (3173771) 11.00 BBC Block (22655) 12.00 Carlesa Explains II All (28329) 12.30 pm Sister Stere (76400) 1.00 Babar (26481) 1.30 Littlest Per Shop (75771) 2.00 Little Beer Stortes (3394) 2.30 BBC Block (52705) 3.30 Aaahhill Real Monsters (3415) 4.00 Insektors (3389416) 4.15 Technik (3206139) 4.30 Rugrads (8921865) 4.45 Doug (8022346) 8.00 Sister Setze (8744) 5.30 Sester Setze (2787) 6.00 Space Casee (9400) 8.30 Smash Hils (2822)

4.00pm Bush Priots of Alaska (4052056) 4.00pm Bush Pilots of Alaska (405206) 5.00 Time Travellers (4502665) 5.30 Jurassica (2843348) 6.00 Bevond 2000 (5806619) 7.00 Wild Things Crocodile (4995.29) 7.30 Mysterious Forces Beyond (2757597) 8.00 Nakrati Born Killers (5824110) 9.00 Justice Files (5917674) 10.00 Top Marques Valoria (4896597) 10.30 Top Marques Valoria (4896597) BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (5998961) 1.00pm Remngton Steels (5709481) 2.00 The New Avengers (2130313) 3.00 Land of the Gents (4060077) 4.00 Fil.M: Foreign Intrigue (4694690) 6.00 Thunderbrids (5892145) 7.00 Monkey (5915416) 8.00 Randal and Hoplark (Decreased) (5928936) 9.00 Starsky and Hutch (5831400) 10.00-12.00 Fil.M: Breakost (4069348)

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FAMILY CHANNEL

(60356) 4.00 All Together Now (21795) 4.30-5.00 The Black Stallion (61117)

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ZEE TV 7.00em Jaagran (42074936) 7.30 Lifestyle East (43361752) 8.30 Campus (53378665) 9.00 Shm Krishna (53463145) 9.30 Yasedon Ke Rang (11571315) 10.00 Hasteten (82094684) 10.30 Darya (53469329) 11.00 Zalise Ka Salier (48451905) 11.30 Teri Bh Chup Meri Bhi Chup (45001464) 12.00 Andez (53370481) 12.30pm Taleash (17971351) 1.00 FILM: TBA (12631787) 4.00 Mere Saeth Chal (33115888 4.30 4.00 Mere Saeth Chai (33115868) 4.30 Sona Chandi (33104752) 5.00 Zee Zone Sona Charles (33.14752) 500 Zee Zone (14534374) 5.30 Zee Presents (51.735053, 6.30 Zee and U (33116587) 7.00 B9CD (1444110) 7.30 Astras (33106481) 8.00 News (14530058) 8.00 Amarkshari (30308058) 9.00 Machurl Desi (37007049)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT Continuous cartoons from 5em to 7pm, then TXT films as below. 8.00pm WCW Nitro on TNT (84329597) 9.00 The Power (1968) (84322684) 11.00 HB Man (1972) (15377051) 12 000-

SKY MOVIES

8.00am The Cat and the Canary (1978) (36145) 8.00 Challenge to Be Free (1972) (76726) 10.00 Secret Ground (1983) (84346) 12.00 The Double Man (1967) (84346) 12.00 The Double Man (1967)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00em To See Such Fun (1977) (43708)
7.30 Oliver Twist (1987) (33329) 9.00
High Rise Donkey (1980) (88771) 10.00
This is My Affair (1937) (7590) 12.00
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(1985) (50752) 7.30 UK Top Ten (8706)
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8.00pm Rugby (8189077) 9.00 Baskerball. Season Preview (8096313) 10.00 Westling (8099400) 11.00 Superstars (4290690) 12.30-1.00am Cue Masters (5371207) SKY SPORTS 3

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL 4.00am Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kidz TV 4.30 Christian Entertainment 5.00 Votce of Vizzory 5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Today 6.15 This is Your Day 6.45-

Films, leatures and classic series every day form 8pm-4am Monday - Wednesday and 1mm-4am Thursday - Sunday on satellile, and from 8mm-4am every day on cable 1,00cm Friday the 13th (590714) 1,55 Friday the 13th (1462917) 2,50 Friday the 13th (590530) 3,40-4,00 The Malong of Lord of Busions (73540153)

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5.00pm Blockbusters (2690) 5.30 Tresture Hurri (56145) 6.30 Cetchphrane (3668) 7.00 Through the Keyhole (6226) 7.30 Sweet Justice (96752) 8.30 Rising Daring (4481) 9.00 Hart to Hart (91690) 10.00 The Ruth Rendel Mystenes Shake Hands Forever (96357) 11.00 Duly Free (79936) 11.30



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13 1996

United discover true measure of champions

t is well past midnight in Turin. Manchester United have been defeated and dispatched back to their English kingdom, and the cognoscenti are gathered at Ristorante Urbani in the centre of the city, where their meal is accompanied by a screening of Juventus's 1-0 victory in the European Cup Champions' League two hours earlier. Sitting among them, almost oblivious to the excitement, is Zinedine Zidane, whose touch on the ball, whose cutting pass had rendered Manchester United's defence as thin as the Turin Shroud. Unmolested, unmoved, Zidane still has his Juventus tracksuit on. He is deep in conversation with his family, Frenchmen of Algerian descent, while behind him, the television shows him producing the

defining moment of the game.

Here is the player, six years the junior of Eric Cantona, whose inventiveness helps to keep "our' Frenchman out of the France team. He is unlike Cantona; he is no actor, no film-maker, no philosopher. Zidane, 24, is simply an artist of the football field, raised on the game in the streets of Marseilles. Since he made the goal, why should he need to see the replay?

It is the cruellest lesson for United that their defeat came from the pass of a Frenchman and the finish of a Croatian, Alen Boksic. Were we not led to believe that once the restriction on foreigners was removed, England's teams could come out to play on an even field?

The next morning, close to dawn, Gianni Agnelli, whose family fortune has been buying exceptional footballers for Juventus for half a The failure of Alex Ferguson's team to impress in Turin shows it still has some way to go before matching the best in Europe says Rob Hughes

century, enthused over his latest purchase. "Platini told me in the summer: "You should get this boy, he will give you great pleasure'. Agnelli, who had been at the match despite recently undergoing heart surgery, said. As long as he breathes, the septuagenarian Agnelli will covet playmakers, seeking to find another in the mould of Michel Platini.

According to the Italian media, Agnelli has handed Juventus over to his brother, Umberto. It would be like handing over a mistress. Juventus is the senior Agnelli's lifelong distraction, and he ac-

Zidane is very high quality and with passes like that I would think Boksic, if he scores every time as he did on Wednesday night, could be as good as [Marco] van Basten." Agnelli said. The Juventus paymaster had also talked to Platini, his footballing mentor, about Cantona. Platini said that as long as Cantona stayed up front, as long as he was better supported than he was with Manchester last night, he

would be excellent. You could see the way Cantona touches the ball what a great player he could be," Agnelli continued. "but Zidane is comparatively a young man, and now that he is here

in Turin, I am sure that we will get

many nights of pleasure." Back in Manchester, Alex Ferguson, the United manager who had pursued the possibility of signing Boksic himself, was rather less charitable about the quality of the winning goal. "To lose a goal like that is irritating," he said. "The ball bounces between two of our players, no one gets to it, and you are left with a midfield player [Nicky Butt] against one of their strikers. Boksic was doing it all night, running into space."

By now Ferguson will be analysing whether, tactically as well as technically. United contributed to a

downfall that truly should have been by three or four goals. The night proved, plainly and painfully, that England's supposedly supreme Premiership has leagues to go to match up to the best on the Continent. It could come down to the individual progress of two

players. Zidane was spotted as a 14year-old in one of the toughest quarters of Marseilles. He was then nurtured by Cannes and once Aime Jacquet, the France coach, had turned his face against Cantona, he persevered with the touch and almost intuitive duo of Zidane and Youri Djorkaeff.

In England, at Manchester United, we believe we have a blossoming talent. David Beckham, 21. introduced to the England team against Ferguson's advice against Moldavia two weeks ago, produced

from time to time in Turin the vision and the passing control that he possesses. One wonders whether his progress is being accelerated as alarmingly fast as Ferguson has implied, or whether, in comparison with overseas players, he is a little slow in being exposed to the wiles of the game. Just how brightly Beckham's star

will burn remains to be seen. When, in Turin, Marcello Lippi. who has reconstructed Juventus, was told by an Italian journalist that they did not look as powerful or as potent as the team that won the European Cup back in May, he retorted: "That Juventus does not exist any more, just as the Juventus of Platini has gone." Platini, the player, the artist, the mentor ... gone but never in Turin to be

RFU woos

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THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) waved a double-edged

sword yesterday in the latest chapter in their dispute with the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc). On the one hand, the union announced the postponement of

the national-squad training

next Wednesday; on the other, it has outlined to the players the commercial value of keep-

ing faith with England (David

Hands writes).

Liverpool's long wait ended by Bjornebye

FROM PETER BALL IN ANJALANKOSKI FINLAND

IN ANOTHER week of British defeat in Europe, the country must be grateful for small victories, and that was what Liverpool managed to achieve in the Saviniemi Stadium last night. Stig Inge Bjornebye's goal, Liverpool's first in four European matches, earned the win that should make the return leg of their Cup Winners' Cup first-round tie a formality, but it was a performance best described as professional rather than

Liverpool's struggles to find Continent continued through the first half. By half-time, they had had only two serious efforts, Babb seeing his attempt kicked off the line after Jakonen had dropped Bjornebye's corner, and, two minutes before the interval, the Finland international goalkeeper redeeming himself with a fine point-blank save from Colly-

Those moments apart, there was little to enthral the record 5,000 crowd packed into the rounded by conifers, fewer than 100 miles from the Rus-

Liverpool, of course, have had their difficulties in Scandinavia, going out of the Uefa Cup to Brondby, of Copenhagen, last season, and being beaten just along the road at Lahti on their last visit to Finland five years ago.
Finnish football is improv-

ing, and My-Pa 47 have been leading the way. The club is almost fully professional, with only a smattering of the more usual part-timers - a postman, a soldier and a couple of students — and produced the outstanding Finnish footballer modern times, Jari

Litmanen, the Ajax forward. They had nobody with his cutting edge last night, but where Keskitalo was well supported by players breaking from midfield, and it was as well that Wright and James were alert as some sloppy passing gave the home team opportunities for quick

Inevitably, the game had a cautious beginning. McMana-man soon found that he had a man-marker, the determined Antti Pohja, and so did Fowler and Collymore. There was also a sweeper, Viljanen, and

find a way through. For all their possession, they had not fully fathomed it by the inter-

Redknapp, the last player to score for them in a European game, was left on the bench. the most expensive in Liver-pool's history with Ruddock and Berger among those alongside him.

Although Liverpool had more of the ball, the clearer half-chances came at the other end. James had to race from his goal to kick clear as Keskitalo almost broke on to Hernesniemi's through pass, and, after Barnes had lost the ball, the goalkeeper was re-lieved to see Mahlio's shot go past the post.

For some time Liverpool's most promising moves came After 25 minutes Viljanen sliced one past his own post. Then it was Biornebye's corner that Jakonen dropped, and, finally, when Bjornebye went back to his own wing, his cross to the near post was met by Collymore, but the goalkeeper proved equal to it.

The pattern continued after the interval. A splendid pass by Thomas sent Bjornebye clear for a low cross, but Collymore sidefooted wide from about eight yards. It was a bad miss, and extended their goalless run in European matches to six hours, but, that landmark having been passed, the goal arrived immediately.

Obviously tired of watching his colleagues wasting the openings that he had created. Bjornebye took more direct himself. McAteer's



Collymore, left, breaks clear of Jukka Koskinen as Liverpool launch an attack against My-Pa 47 last night

cross was half-cleared, and he drove it back irresistibly on the half-volley, low into the beyond Jakonen's

So, Bjornebye had marked his European debut for the club with a vital goal, only his second for Liverpool, but he is clearly on a roll, the first one

having come against Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium on the first day of the FA

Carling Premiership season. That, at last, released Liverpool's inhibitions in front of goal, and Fowler and Thomas hit the woodwork with excellent efforts, a cheeky chip and a curling shot respectively, to end a mundane affair with a flourish.

MY-PA 47 (3-5-2): P Jakonen — M Hernesniem, M Viljanen, D Moore → T Hutturen, S Mahlio, A Pohja, N Groenflotm (sub: J Jalonen, 73mm), Juklea Koskinen — J Allen (sub: J Kengastorpi, 78), M Neskitalo (sub: T Erberg, 68) LIVERPOOL (3-5-2) D James — M Winght, D Matteo, P Bobb — J McAroer, M Thomas, J Bernes, S McAkraman, S I Bjornebye — S Collymore, R Fowler.

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more than El00.000. The RFU has also written to the 24 clubs to inform them, but, when the players meet Epruc today, they will be told that the issue is not one of money but of the future of

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Simmons finds happy medium to force surrender by Durham

CHESTER-LE-STREET SCOREBOARD

By Michael Henderson

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four: Durham won toss): Leicestershire, with five first-innings wickets in hand. are 127 runs ahead of

DURHAM hoisted the flag of surrender yesterday with a predictability that comes from constant rehearsal, though the manner of their collapse was startling even by their dismally-low standards. Leicestershire, the championship leaders, bowled them out for 126 and could win this game by tonight, and so take a decisive stride towards winning the second title in their

After Campbell had launched the innings with some jaunty strokes, played with the

Smith: flurried attack

air of a man who knows that he could perish at any moment, Durham lurched from 91 for two to 101 for nine. Simmons, bowling his medium-pacers off no more than a hop, a skip and a jump, took five of those wickets and finished with the barely believable return of six for 14, easily the best of his career.

Simmons has added to his reputation this season, but he is only a useful second-string bowler, not the sort to terrify batsmen who aspire to competence. Durham, alas, have played such inept cricket this summer that Devon, the Minor Counties champions, could probably give them 50 runs and win with ease.

Their batting would have shamed a club side, and their bowling was so poor that Maddy and Smith plundered

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148 for Leicestershire's second wicket in 19 overs. David Boon, the Tasmanian who jouns Durham as captain next season, has already spoken, apparently without irony, of relishing their "unique situation". Does he know what sort

of team he is joining? it was no day for Stephen Harmison, a 17-year-old apprentice bricklayer, to make his championship debut. Picked for his bowling, he was batting shortly after lunch as Durham wasted the toss that Brown had won. Mullally's opening spell was awful, but the batsmen obliged his colleagues with one faulty stroke after another.

Campbell has not enjoyed batting on this poor square and he will not be unhappy to return to Barbados. His top score here remains 39 and his

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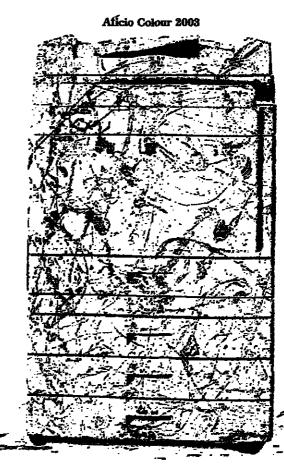
lack of confidence in the pitch was evident in his every twitch. Morris, the other senior batsman, has also endured a miserable year and was smartly run out from short leg as he advanced to

defend against Pierson. Maddy's swift pick-up and throw prompted one of those peculiar "huddles" that Leicestershire indulge in at the fall of each wicket. There is something ridiculous about it, as there always is when grown men behave like prep-school boys. What on earth do they talk about? The next midnight feast? Joshing the Latin beak? Perhaps they mull over Mullally's reputed salary of £50,000 a year.

Maddy and Smith carried Leicestershire past Durham in no time with a flurry of attacking strokes before they lost four wickets late in the day. They did not have to chase the bowling, as there was always one poor ball an over. Harmison went for 49 from the five overs that he was

granted. In their existing state, one should not be surprised at the sheer wretchedness of Durham's cricket. There is not much talent in this team, not much spunk and not much hope. It is all very sad.

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The first is a move designed to create breathing space for the players, of whom more than 40 failed to appear for training last week and attended, instead, a presentation by Epruc, their employers. The RFU sees no point in sustaining its schedule while the players are caught in the

Epruc, however, will see this as an attempt to buy the players' loyalty. Each member of the squad has been sent a letter which, in effect, tells them that they can double the money available last season eight internationals between November and July. The new RFU contracts will be worth £60-70,000; players doing promotional work could get

professional club rugby.

Bath's code breakers, page 42

Papandreou children cut out of will as Mimi gets all

By Our Foreign Staff

THE late Greek Socialist leader. Andreas Papandreou, cut his children out of his will. leaving everything to his second wife, Mimi Liani-Papandreou.

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The former Prime Minister, who died on June 23 at the age of 77 after a lengthy illness, called on his family, which includes an acting minister, to ostracise publicly his politician son-in-law. Theodore Katsanevas, whom he described as a "disgrace". He urged his sons to have "no political or family relationship with Katsanevas, who is a candidate for Pasok, the Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement party which Papandreou founded, in the general elections on September 22.

His requests, made public yesterday less than two weeks before the polls, could also create problems for Costas Simitis, his successor as party leader and Prime Minister.

Papandreou bequeathed all his earthly possessions, including a luxury villa in the northern suburbs of Athens, to Mimi more formally known as Dimitra, and called on his friends to protect her from the dangers that he felt would beset her. The 42-year-old former air stewardess, whose marriage to Papandreou in 1989 shocked the nation, also inherits his archives.

The Papandreou testament tried to justify leaving nothing to his children. It recalled that his daughter. Sophie Katsenevas-Papandreou, had inherited the family residence at Kastri from her grandfather Georges Papandreou, the former centrist Greek Prime Minister.

Papandreou said his three suns - Georges, now the Education Minister, Andrikos and Nikos - would have to make do with "their name and their good education" as his sole legacy. No mention was made by Papandreou of his illegitimate daughter, Andrea Neeblorn, 27, a Swedish architext. To his three sons and daughter, Papandreou bestowed his "good name" as his life-long dedication to public service prevented me from engaging in a profitable business".

Papandreou also accuses Mr Katsanevas of stealing his private possessions which were in his former family home, including his archives, papers, books and personal memorabilia. Mr Katsanevas and his family now live in the

"My three sons have an ethical debt, as agents of the Papandreou family tradition. to make public the role and character of Katsanevas and sever any public or private bonds they have with him," Papandreou wrote.

Two documents relating to his material and political will. one written in 1990 and the other in 1993, were recognised by a three-member court as valid and were read out at a public hearing.

Pasok did not officially react last night to the revelations and their criticism of Mr Katsanevas, but party sources were trying to play them down by referring to the documents as a private family matter. However, Papandreou, his widow and family are anything but a private matter in Greece and within Pasok, which he established in 1974 and led with an iron grip until his death. Papandreou's understanding of the public nature of his family is reflected in an appeal in his will to support Mimi.

When I die, Dimitra will, of course, be in danger. They will try to hold her responsible for many things and that is why I call on my friends, all those who followed me in my political struggles, to support her with all their means."

He served as Prime Minister from 1981 to 1989, when he fell from power because of an embezzlement scandal and an adulterous affair with Mimi. He returned to power in 1993 after divorcing Margaret, his American wife of 38 years, and marrying Mimi.

Delhi to let more women be MPs

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DÉLHI

INDIA took an unprecedent ed step yesterday towards reserving a third of seats in parliament and state assemblies for women. It is one of the most far-reaching vic-tories for women's rights in nearly 50 years of Indian H. D. Deve Gowda, the

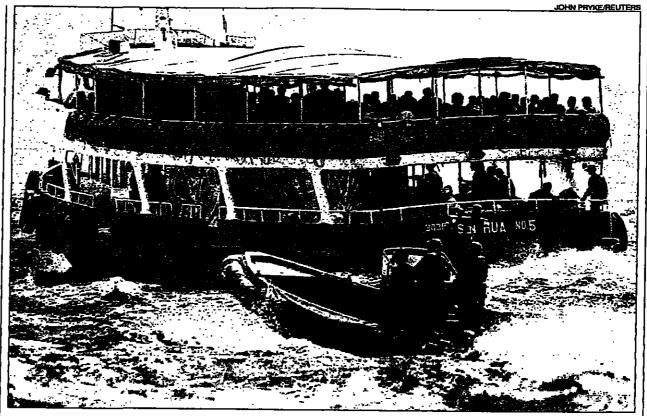
Prime Minister, tabled a Bill in the Lok Sabha (lower house) to amend the constitution to ensure that women candidates would have an exclusive claim on a third of parliamentary constituencies in general elections. The constituencies will be chosen on a rota system at each election. The move will force radical changes in the selection procedures for parliamentary candidates.

Soon after independence in 1947, India reserved a third of parliamentary seats for Dalits (formerly known as Untouchables) and tribal Indians in an attempt to give them a greater voice. The proposed quota for women would boost their number from the present 38 MPs in the Lok Sabha to about 180 after the next gener-

Mr Gowda decided to scrap plans to refer the measure to a parliamentary select committee for further study after women MPs protested that this could delay or kill the Bill. Presumably, that had been the plan. Most male MPs dislike the proposed change because many will lose their seats, but every party has advocated gender equality. Nobody, therefore, can be seen to oppose the plan.

The indirectly elected Rajya Sabha (upper house) will not be affected, to the chagrin of women's organisations. Gov-ernment officials said there were too many technical obstacles. There have been reserva-

tions for women in panchavats (local councils) and municipalities since 1992, but most women contenders in rural local elections are front candidates for their husbands, fathers or brothers. That is also true of of women MPs, some of whom play little or no active part in politics.



A police speedboat shadows a ferry carrying illegal Vietnamese immigrants from the remote Tai A Chau island camp to Hong Kong's Whitehead detention camp. More than 5,000 boat people" will have made the

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Boat people moved on

journey by the end of this week as Hong Kong races to clear more than 13,000 in detention before the handover of the colony to China ens of Vietnamese "boat people" stabbed themselves to avoid forced repatriation yesterday and 17 were taken

to hospital in Bangkok, officials said. Despite this, authorities were able to send back some 200 people. Nearly 2,000 Vietnamese denied settlement in a third country have been stranded in a Thai

Bosnians trek homeward to vote

By EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF TENS of thousands of Bosni-

an refugees, many of them elderly, will swarm on to trains at midnight tonight to travel from Serbia to vote in tomorrow's Bosnian elections. The Red Cross will provide

each of the estimated 70,000 refugees with packed meals for the journey and a medical team will be on board each train. The elections have become a logistical nightmare involving the transport of thousands of people across borders and front lines within Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which is organising the poll, yesterday called on all sides to let people vote in peace and to respect the elected bodies that will emerge. People must be able "to vote in secret without fear and intimiof movement to and from the polling stations", it said. Among those entitled to vote



A Bosnian Serb boy wears a Karadzic mask

are Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbs' wartime leader who is barred from standing for office because he is an indicted war criminal, and his co-accused, General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb peacekeepers from the Natoled Implementation Force, lfor, can arrest indicted war American architect of the Day-

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crimes suspects if the peacekeepers come across them in the normal course of their duties and it is realistic to do so. Major Simon Haselock, an lfor spokesman, said: "If they are foolish enough to come to a polling station and if we are in a position to make an arrest, we will do it."

Biljana Playsic, the Bosnian Serb leader who has taken over at least nominally from Dr Karadzic, marked her last day of campaigning by openly flouting a ban on making calls for Serb secession. Senior members of the

OSCE were investigating a speech by the interim Serb President in which she told a crowd of 20,000 supporters of her hardline Serb Democratic Party in Banja Luka that its aim was the creation of a separate Serb state. Her speech late on Wednesday came the day after a ruling banning such calls, and threatening anyone who made pulsion from the election.

Richard Holbrooke, the

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ton peace agreement which laid the ground for tomor-row's poll, is due in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, to-day to lead an American delegation monitoring the criticised elections.

Final rallies were planned yesterday in Sarajevo, in the Serb stronghold of Pale, and in the anti-nationalist northern bastion of Tuzla. In what was expected to be the biggest gathering in the country, 45,000 Muslims were expected in Sarajevo to attend a rally of the ruling Muslim nationalist Party of Democratic Action.

Tension was palpable in the southern city of Mostar, however. Sir Martin Garrod, the city's British European Union administrator, said feelings were running high because of a sit-in by local Muslims in the Croat-controlled western sector. A tense stand-off began on Wednesday when up to 200 people from Muslim east Mostar crossed into the west, homes they had been forced to leave in 1993 during fighting between Muslims and Croats.

Report by **Congress** targets First Lady

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

HOLLYWOOD'S "limousine liberals" paid \$3.5 million (£2.25 million) last night to hear Barbra Streisand, Tom Hanks and the Eagles fete President Clinton at a Democratic fundraiser on the sumptuous old Beverly Hills estate of Harold Lloyd, the silent movie star. Back in Washington, however, the news was not so good for the President.

The Wall Street Journal revealed that a Republicancontrolled congressional committee was preparing a

blistering report on the "Travelgate" scandal that will accuse the President's aides of covering up Hillary Clinton's role in the dismissal of the seven-man White House trav-

In addition, two top officials at the Department of Health and Human Services, one of them a lifelong friend of the Clintons, resigned in protest at the President's recent decision to sign a radical Republican welfare reform Bill.

Bob Dole, Mr Clinton's Republican opponent, also suffered a minor embarrassment when tabloids reported that a political adviser who has worked voluntarily for his campaign had placed advertisements on the Internet and in low-life magazines seeking partners for group sex with himself and his wife.

The tabloids printed copies of the advertisements featuring seductive pictures of Roger Stone and his wife, Nydia, Mr Stone admitted some of the Internet postings were paid for with his credit card, but denied placing the advertisements and insisted he was "the subject of a political dirty

The report prepared by the Republican majority on the House committee investigating the "Travelgate" scandal will accuse the White House of "sustained obstruction" of its work and an "unprecedented misuse of executive power and executive privilege" to avoid

surrendering key documents. It will also offer a detailed rebuttal of Mrs Clinton's sworn statements that she did not order the dismissals. The White House accused the Republicans of "last-ditch nega-

Boy smoker bolsters Clinton's campaign

Clinton's attempts to curb juvenile smoking, Justin Hoover, 12, testified before Congress that he lit his first cigarette at the age of six and was stealing packets from the local store within three years Tom Rhodes writes).

I hope you guys can help my brother and sister and stop them so they don't moke," said the boy from Iowa during an mofficial congressional hearing held by

Democratic senators to plug Mr Clinton's crackdown on juvenile smoking. Justin said he feared his younger siblings would soon become hooked like himself, his mother and 15-year-old brother. "My brother, who is three, acts like his crayons are cigarettes because he sees us all

smoking," he said. Branded as election year "political theatre" by the Republicans, the Demo-crats had employed Justin to highlight

what they claimed were irresponsible statements this year by Bob Dole, the presidential candidate, concerning tobacco use by youngsters. They said the boy's testimony went beyond politics and proved his craving for tobacco had led to a life of minor crime. "I started sneaking cigarettes from my mother until I needed more than just one or two a day," he said.

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Tycoon to divorce for richer or poorer

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AS HEAD of the Revion cosmetics company, Ron Per-elman has an unlimited supply of mascara, and it is just as well. The New York billionaire is heading to the divorce courts for the third time.

Mr Perelman, whose first two marital splits cost him a total of \$88 million, was reported yesterday to have filed divorce papers against wife number three, Patricia Duff, a prominent Democrat and Clinton-backer.

At Manhattan Supreme Court the case is listed as Anonymous v. Anonymous", but the New York press was not fooled. Mr Perelman, whose fortune is estimated at \$4.2 billion, is showing signs of learning the ropes of the

divorce game. Before he and his wife had a meeting the other day to discuss a possible settlement, he is said to have asked security guards to frisk Ms Duff. They found that she was

carrying a tape recorder.

Ms Duff was also twice previously married before her wedding to Mr Perelman in December 1994 and she is rich in her own right. How much

richer she will become after their divorce is open to guestion. This time Mr Perelman insisted on a pre-nuptial agreement in which Ms Duff accepted certain conditions in the event of a marriage failure.

Her allies have described it as "a lousy pre-nup. She's going to get a pathetic, teeny amount". In the language of moneyed set in which the Perelmans mix, this probably means that she will get only a

few million dollars. Raoul Felder, one of Man-hattan's best-known divorce lawyers, said: "The chances of her breaking a pre-nup are the Knox with a nail file."

The Perelman marriage was seldom calm, and the couple appear to have reached the end of the road at last month's Democratic convention in Chicago, when they had a row about their social schedules. Mr Perelman flew home alone, and there have not been many civilised words between them since then.

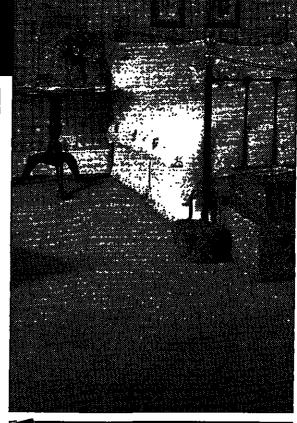
The couple have a daughter, 20-month-old Caleigh, whose future will be part of the



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Saddam's defiance of the West strikes sympathetic chord in Arab hearts

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

SUPPORTERS and opponents of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq were last night both predicting a further revival of the dictator's standing in the Arab world in the event of the "disproportionate" new air and missile strikes threatened by the United States.

Any such attacks by Stealth fighters re-based in Kuwait and cruise missiles will prompt further divisions in the 22-member Arab

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League, whose foreign ministers' meeting opens in Cairo today. The league, split since the 1991 Gulf War, has condemned earlier American attacks on targets inside what is described as the sovereign territory of a member state.

Even before the latest American moves, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Washington's two main Arab allies, had spoken out, the Egyptian Cabinet ruling out any "interfer-

ence in Iraq's internal affairs" and Saudi Arabia announcing publicly that it would not have allowed its territory to launch missile attacks against Iraq.
Jordan, which has reversed the

previously sympathetic stand towards Saddam adopted after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, is under pressure from opposition deputies in the Amman parliament, to change tack again in view of the latest American attacks. Embarrassed by Washington reports that

Saddam, Marwan Muasher, the Information Minister, said: "We do not plan to interfere in any attempt to topple the regime of Saddam Hussein. We feel this is up to the

Iraqi people."
While regard for Arab sovereignty was the official explanation put forward by many former Arab members of the 1991 anti-Iraq coalition for changing their stance, senior Arab diplomats said the real reason was what one envoy described as "a correct gut assess-

ed in the abortive CIA plot to oust ment of how the Arab street is looking upon this crisis". Aside from Kuwait, where many

citizens have brutal first-hand experience of the ruthless torture. rape and pillage meted out by Saddam's troops and most families keep a four-wheel drive vehicle in the garage in case they have to flee again across the desert to Saudi Arabia, there is a remarkable well sympathy towards Saddam among ordinary Arabs. "We see him as the one Arab leader who has been true to himself, who has not sold out to the West." said a Palestinian greengrocer in Israeli-

occupied east Jerusalem. Even in the oil-rich Gulf States most threatened by Saddam's incurable expansionism, there have been significant changes in mood since the Gulf War. The US has tried to increase its influence by making Saddam a bogeyman," one analyst said. "The American influence among client states in the Gulf who think the US Fifth Cavalry will come to their rescue has created an environment of paranoia concerning Saddam. But the ordinary man takes all this with a pinch of salt."

While at the level of the coffee shop there is a gut admiration for a fellow Arab's continued reckless willingness to snub his nose at the world's most powerful state in many of the glittering palaces of the rulers there is fear of Iran, regarded as a more dangerous threat Even in Israel, where policy considerations are governed by the prospect of Iran obtaining a nuclear capability. Iraq is seen as the lesser of two evils.

Republicans snipe at handling of crisis by Clinton

BIPARTISAN support for President Clinton's handling of the Iraq crisis unravelled yesterday as a string of top Republicans accused him of ineffectiveness, lacking clear objectives and fracturing the allied Gulf War coalition.

With US forces preparing to launch a new and heavier round of airstrikes against Iraqi targets, the White House accused Republicans of encouraging President Saddam Hussein through their failure to back the Administration at time of crisis. Mike McCurry, the press secretary. said politics had traditionally stopped at the water's edge and should do so now.

Bob Dole himself remained silent, partly from fear of undermining the US military but also because he knows the Administration would love to dredge up his past courtship of Saddam. Eager to sell Iraq more Kansas wheat, Mr Dole was one of five senators who met Saddam in Baghdad just weeks before the traqi invasion of Kuwait and assured him the US wanted better ties.

With less than eight weeks left to the presidential election. Mr Dole's surrogates showed no such restraint, arguing Mr Clinton should have hit Saddam far harder at the outset after securing allied support.

Jack Kemp, Mr Dole's running-mate, accused Mr Clinton of emboldening Saddam through his "vacillation" and "failure to define our objectives and tell the American people how he intends to carry

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out those objectives". Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker. said America looked like an "isolated bully using sophisticated weapons to no purpose ... arrogant and impotent".

Senator John McCain, Mr Dole's senior foreign policy adviser, called Mr Clinton's initial foray an "abject failure" and observed: "If this Administration calls (the first strikes) a success ... I just hope we

> **6** If the first strike was a success, I just hope we don't have another success 9

don't have another success." James Baker, President Bush's Secretary of State during the Gulf War, said Saddam only understood "overhwelming force" and lamented the President's "failure of leadership ... the coalition we built up painstak-

ingly — it's gone.' Senator Richard Lugar demanded a very extensive series of raids that would hobble any air power, air defences, communications and intelligence ... I would not put Baghdad off-limits."

Mr Clinton had hoped that one quick slap on Saddam's wrist would put the Iraq dictator back in his Baghdad box — at least for the final

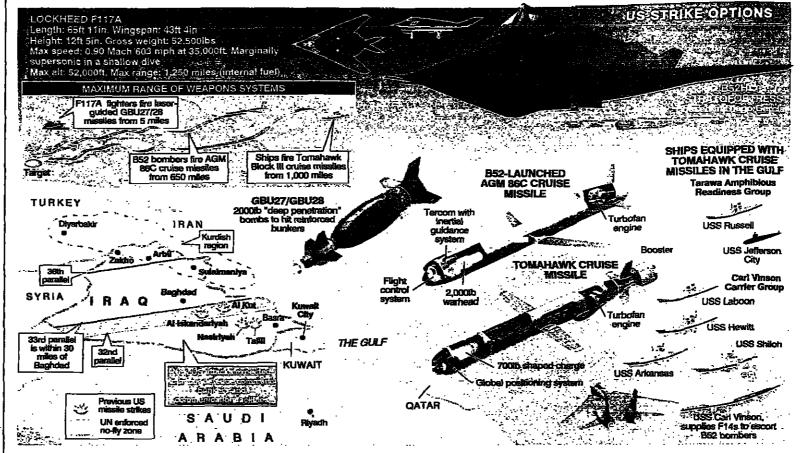
weeks of the election. in fact, Saddam has regained control of what was supposed to be a Kurdish safe area, divided the coalition and wrecked a CIA campaign to

overthrow him. Iraqi forces are defiantly rebuilding the air defence facilities destroyed in those first missile attacks, and taking pot shots at US warplanes patrolling an expanded southern no-fly zone that Saddam refuses to recognise.

The Administration rightly claims to have curtailed Saddam's ability to threaten Kuwait and Saudi Arabia by expanding that no-fly zone, and justifiably blames Kurdish feuding for the collapse of their safe area. But the fact remains that Mr Clinton finds himself caught in a messy military entanglement that he cannot win without a huge escalation and all the electoral risks that would entail.

Saddam can absorb exten-

sive damage from aerial attacks, and he knows Mr Clinton would not dare deploy US ground troops. Some analysts argue that Saddam welcomes such attacks, believing they will further divide the allies and enhance his prestige at home. They also present him with a chance to shoot down US pilots - Mr Clinton's ultimate pre-election



Americans deploy Stealth fighter force

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN strike aircraft known as "silver bullets" were on their way to Kuwait from the United States last night, ready for action against Iraq with a payload of weapons capable of penetrating President Saddam Hussein's underground command

Eight F117A Stealth fighters, officially codenamed Nighthawk by the US Air Force, will arrive in the Gulf region today after flying non-stop, with mid-air refuelling, from Holloman air force base in New Mexico. They will be based in Kuwait from where they are expected to launch the first phase of new attacks

TACTICS * on Iraqi targets. The arrival of the

Stealth fighters will provide the Americans with a wider range of target options because of the aircraft's weapons systems and its ability to fly undetected through enemy radar. The Stealth fighter, whose combat

debut during the 1991 Gulf War was the first demonstration of a new generation of futuristic aircraft developed in one of America's super-secret black" programmes, is armed with four laser-guided bombs capable of doing more lasting damage to Saddam's heavily reinforced command network than the air-launched or sea-launched cruise missile. Cruise

missiles were used in last week's American attacks because the targets were above-surface air defence radar and surface-to-air missile sites. The objective was to damage Saddam's ability to threaten American-led coalition aircraft on patrols over southern Iraq. With the deployment of F117A Stealth fighters, the intention is clearly to inflict more comprehensive

damage on Saddam's military infrastructure. The Stealth fighter is armed with two types of bomb, the GBU27 and GBU28, both derivatives of the laserguided Paveway III weapon system but with a deep penetration warhead. The GBU27 (guided bomb unit) weighs more than 2,260lb and has a warhead containing 528lb of high

explosive. The GBU28 weighs more than 4.680lb, with a warhead of 673lb of high explosive. Both free-fall bombs, as opposed to powered missiles, the GBU weapons have a range of three to six miles and are guided to

their target by a laser system. Since the Gulf War the Americans have been trying to improve a special delayed fuse for the bombs that enables them to penetrate deeply before exploding. One of the draw-backs for the GBU bombs in the Gulf War, according to Duncan Lennox. editor of Jane's Air-Launched Weapons, was that Saddam's bunkers are normally several storeys deep and the American devices often went off prematurely as they breached the first or second layer.

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Wary emirate puts troops on high alert

FROM MICHAEL DYNES IN KUWAFT CITY

KUWAIT'S armed forces were put on a state of high alert yesterday after Iraq accused the tiny Gulf state of committing an "act of war" by allowing American Stealth fighters on its soil.

Eight F117 Stealth planes. equipped with 2,000lb laserguided bombs, are due to arrive in Kuwait today.

The escalation in friction between Washington and Baghdad was triggered on Wednesday by Iraq firing a surface-to-air missile at two US warplanes patrolling the northern no-fly zone over Iraq. Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, accused Ku-

Barzani gambles on more US help

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN SALAHUDDIN

KURDISH leaders in northem Iraq asked for Western tolerance yesterday as they tried to carry off their gamble of co-operating with President Saddam Hussein.

Advisers to Massoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, admitted, however, that their previously warm relations with the United States had cooled after they enlisted Saddam's support to drive a rival faction from the city of

> ing the victorious KDP into the city. Yet beneath this calm is the real fear that the Iraqis will be back. Mr Barzani said yesterday that he would not implement a one-party regime and that he believed in "democracy and pluralism". On the other hand, the Kurdish parliament

> > unlikely to seek a new mandate before then.

voluntary organisations. The city of Sulaimaniya was re-

ported to be calm yesterday as

many refugees thought better

of a panic decision to flee

towards the Iranian border

when they learnt that Iraqi

troops were not accompany-

wait of committing an act of

war by allowing US planes on its territory, and said that Iraq regarded Kuwait's decision as a "flagrant aggression against Iraq and an act of war against the Iraqi state". Convinced that a US mili-

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tary strike against Iraq air defence installations is imminent, Kuwait's Supreme De-Council met emergency session yesterday. Senior ministers from the defence, foreign affairs and interior ministries, along with members of the armed forces. attended the meeting. Other ministers were caught off

beach. The Supreme Defence Council discussed "plans and preparations in all sectors of the military", as well as Kuwait's "political contacts with friendly states", an official statement said.

Crown Prince Sheikh Saadal-Abdullah al-Sabah, who chaired the meeting, said that he had urged those present to "stay alert" and to take all precautions "to guarantee the security of the state". Kuwait radio said. Kuwait, which has defence agreements with America and the other four permanent members of the UN Security Council, is the only Gulf state to express sympathy with recent US military action in Iraq. Last week, American forces lauched 44

Cruise missiles at Iraqi air defence targets in two raids on southern Iraq for its role in factional Kurdish inlighting in the north.

Saudi Arabia, America's key Middle East ally, has refused to sanction the US raids. Prince Sultan, the Saudi Defence Minister, said vesterday that the US had not requested the use of Saudi bases. "If it was requested, we would have rejected it." he

Although the Gulf War is still in Kuwaitis' minds, they are less fearful today. "Saddam is less of a threat now he can't use his air force. one Kuwaiti said. "He wouldn't dare try it again."



An Iraqi armoured personnel carrier digs in near Qosh Tapa, just south of Arbil

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Arbil nearly two weeks ago. The KDP has expelled the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan from its last stronghold in Sulaimaniya and the PUK leadership is reported to have taken refuge inside Iran. Many believe that the

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acted as an umbreila for

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Kurds' internecine struggle has fatally undermined the allies' Operation Provide Comfort, which until recently deterred Saddam from rerecently voted to extend its life asserting his authority in the by 21 months and the KDP is Kurdish north of Iraq. In addition to providing security

It was up to America to decide whether it wanted to change its strategy of helping the Kurds. Mr Barzani said in an interview with The Times yesterday. The KDP is anxious that the Western allies should continue to act as a military deterrent and prevent Baghdad from trying to collect an immediate reward for

Mr Barzani asked vesterday for continued protection not just against Saddam "but against all regional powers" a clear reference to Iran and Turkey, countries which in the past launched military operations into Iraq. It was a recent alliance between the PUK and Iran which is said to have prompted the KDP's invitation to Baghdad in the

first place.

instruments" of the United States continued to be welcome in Iraqi Kurdistan -

including the CIA. This was a reference to reports that Washington was planning to evacuate some 200 members of the rebel Iraqi National Congress who were under an Americanfinanced operation plotting resistance to Baghdad. The KDP said it would do everything it could to see those people to the Turkish border but denied that they were in

any danger. Mr Barzani denied as well reports of a growing friendship with Saddam, although many believe the KDP would leap at some guarantee of autonomy within a federated

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De Klerk woos black voters

W. DE KLERK is the man who, more than any other, changed the lives of all South Africans perhaps of all Africans.

His decision in February 1990 to release Nelson Mandela, abolish apartheid and move at speed to a full non-racial democracy, has transformed not just his country but the prospects for the whole continent. In one sense, F. W. - you are not tempted to call him Frederik or Willem bears this responsibility lightly. As he sits next to you — a cheerful nut-brown face, friendly, courteous but formal - you wonder why he goes on. After all, he has been President, has won the Nobel Peace Prize - and yet, since he led his National Party (NP) out of the Government in May, he is

just an opposition leader. But I am enjoying myself," he says. "It's such a pleasure to drive my own car again and to walk on my own around the supermarket." Politically, he says his ambition is to help complete the democratic revolution he started by seeing a multiparty democracy firmly installed in South Africa.

In fact. Mr de Klerk is keenly aware of grumbling among Afrikaners and the accusation that he sold them out. The great about-turn of 1990, he insists, was not his individual decision. He changed along with the rest of the Nationalist Party in the 1980s, he says, and was merely continuing the reform process begun under his predecessor.

P. W. Botha.
This is more than a shade disingenuous: Mr Botha sits sulking in retirement and was so opposed to Mr de Klerk that he publicly announced he was voting against the Nationalists at the last election. But Mr de Klerk gives you his lawyer's

smile as he says his piece. He is a religious man and is forthright in his moral condemnation of racism. But, you point out, he supported apartheid for most of his career and it was morally indefensible all the way through, not just in 1990. It was also crazy - a glance at the demographic facts was always enough to show the inevitability of ultimate majority rule. All he did. you say, was to come round to what liberals such as Helen Suzman had been saying for 30 years.

no this, he has several answers. It was all very well Mrs Suzman being right, but liberals had never been able to carry the majority of whites with them: only the Afrikaner) Nationalists could do that. But this hardly dealt with the moral point, did it? There is a slight flicker of the eyes which, if you have lived long enough in South Africa, you know means "an Englishman will never understand". He leans forward earnestly. You have to realise that the The President who led South Africa out of its apartheid era tells R. W. Johnson he can reduce the ANC vote to 50 per cent at the next election, and win power again in 2004

and when he made his peace

with them, was reviled by

Afrikaner nationalists for hav-

ing sold out. Mr de Klerk fought the ANC, then made

peace with it and is now criticised for selling out.

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Mikhail Gorbachev - is pe-

remptorily brushed away: "All

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greatest respect for all previ-

ous NP leaders - some of

This comparison — as also

main thrust of Afrikaner nationalism was to achieve Afri-kaner self-determination and to remove all vestiges of British colonialism. It was only when we became a republic in 1960 that we achieved that and could turn to the real problem how to accommodate our black and brown peoples."

And then? "We really did believe we could build a little Europe in Africa. We were so aware that we were only one nation out of many. We wanted a fair solution - as young backbenchers, people like me wanted more land to be given

F. W. De Klerk

declines to take

all the credit

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Mandela in

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to the black homelands, to

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The National Party does

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them were giants." This, one feels, is the nub of the contradiction. Mr de Klerk is passionate about the need for South Africa to put racialism forever behind it but he also wants to have "the greatest respect" for men such as Hendrik Verwoerd. It is not a vacant respect — he has clearly been reading up on them. He admits that "we never

had a good answer with regard to Coloureds and Indians", but cites Verwoerd's letters to Sir Robert Menzies, the former Australian Prime Minister - "he said these groups will come over to us in the end but they mustn't come over too soon or we will never succeed in creating black nation states".

Of course, praising Verwoerd is just a way of reassuring the Afrikaner volk that he still speaks for them. You are for a moment reminded of Henry Kissinger's verdict on meeting John Vorster - "I have just met a character out of the Old Testament." You get the feeling that Mr

de Klerk too is so far inside the ethnic shell of Afrikanerdom that he does not really see the contradiction in praising Verwoerd and espousing multiracialism, of talking of apartheid as a lost but once-noble ideal and of wanting an even deeper democracy. If these things can be reconciled in the volk's eyes,

not, I suggest, cut a convincing that is all that really counts. figure in opposition. The But does he not mind that his changes will guarantee smaller Democratic Party makes the running while the that South Africa becomes an NP supported the ANC-led English-speaking country? He Government on all its budget agrees that Afrikaners are votes. "We don't just want to worried about the survival of be an effective opposition or their language and puts the blame on the ANC for not any kind of opposition," he says. "What we want is to living up to its constitutional promises for cultural selfreturn to power and to rededetermination. "President fine the whole political scene. In South African history only Mandela seems to understand Jan Smuts succeeded in the issue of language and putting together a movement culture better than most but he doesn't seem able to persuade reconquered power after he had lost it. But that's his key ministers to see things what we need to do. Our aim the same way." But he is not

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Zaire says

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FROM REUTER

ZAIRE complained yesterday that Rwandan refugees were destroying its eastern forest, putting the ecological balance under strain and threatening the survival of rare species of plants and animals.

Raymond Tshibanda, the Environment Minister, spotlighted the twin problems of poaching animals, such as rare mountain gorillas or dwarf chimpanzees, felling trees for firewood. "There are various estimates of the scale of the damage the refugees have inflicted on our environment. It is difficult to put a price on. Rare species threatened with extinction are beyond a price,"

he said. "If the trees continue to be felled at the present rate,

the Virunga Park home of the mountain gorilla) is in danger

A million Rwandan Hutus flooded into Zaire in 1994

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of minority Tutsis and the civil war victory of Tutsi-led rebels. (Reuter)

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of losing half of its flora."

the ANC under 50 per cent and survive and every Afrikaner knows that things would be far worse today if we hadn't to win the election after that in Smuts, I point out, fought made the changes that we did the British as a Boer general, in 1990".

Mr de Klerk talks of taking the initiative to "shake the political and party system of this country", of increasing support for his party by reaching black voters who currently support the ANC. You wonder if he can really manage that and stay the same man. But for him it is all a question of values. "We are confident that millions and millions of black voters share our values." In any case, he says, the alternative — which he sees as the chief danger — would be a slide toward an ANC oneparty state.

The ANC, I point out, sees no prospect of ever losing power and will not take kindly to this sort of talk. "Well, we can hardly depend on the ANC's internal democracy, which is already breaking down," he replies. "But in any case, the ANC is still not a party. It has lost its raison d'eire - the anti-apart-heid struggle - and in the end it didn't even have the satisfaction of overthrowing apartheid. It was we who removed it. Now it is they who must face choices. We have faced

our moment of truth but for lies ahead." Talk of a oneparty state raises the spectre of South Africa slipping towards the same authoritarian shambles which has characterised so many states to the north. But Mr de Klerk will not allow that comparison either. The key reason why South Africa will be different lies in "our own managerial and financial capacities". He points to South Africa's huge industrial con-glomerates, its banks and financial institutions. where else in Africa would you find institutions like these, created by our own people with our own money and our own effort down the years."

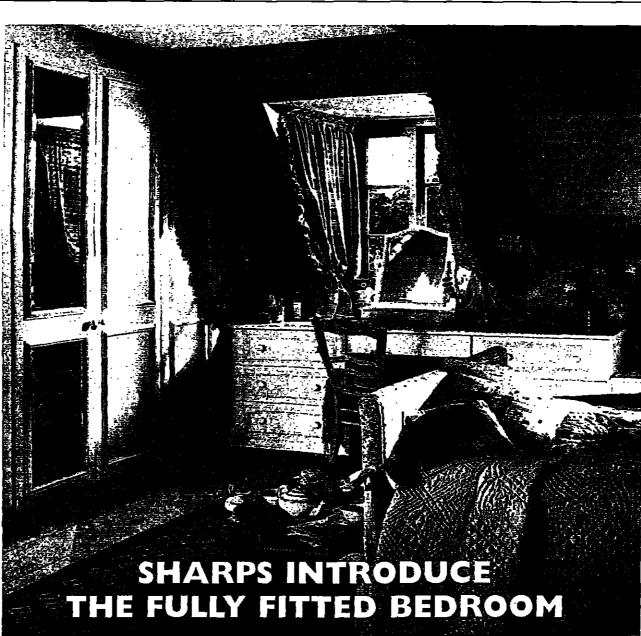
He rests his hopes on the possibility that the whole basis of political behaviour can be changed and says he would even be prepared to dissolve the NP into some larger movement if that would help the cause of democracy. For this to happen South African voters will have to stop voting along racial lines and move to a

value-driven party system.

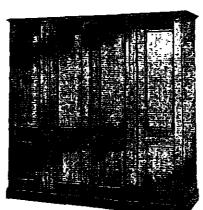
Some would say that this is another dream of building a little Europe in Africa but you cannot but marvel at the man's hardiness in taking on another huge task. He is a true Afrikaner in this respect too, and you can only wish him well. As you go, you see him spin round and start talking to his secretary in Afrikaans busy, confident, even serene within that durable ethnic shell.

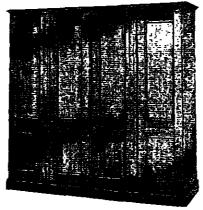
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Under attack from every quarter

Robert Runcie: the final part of The Times serialisation of the Humphrey Carpenter biography

he overwhelming im-pression of Robert Runcie's archbishopric, apart from its crises, is of international travel. It earned him much criticism including a sustained demolition by A.N. Wilson, mocking him as a "travel bore". Wilson adds: "He seems to conceive his function as a sort of ecclesiastical foreign secretary, dashing about the world to attend boring conferences and spending most of his waking hours in airport lounges. Most politicians spend far too much of their time doing this sort of thing. But why should an Archbishop of Canterbury?

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Knowing how much of his retirement Runcie had already chosen to spend abroad, I wondered how much this feature of the archbishopric had reflected his own taste for journeys, as much as the needs of the job.

I brought this up with Terry Waite, who had been responsible for organising many of the journeys. Surely a cynic could say it was a way of dodging issues at home, such as the ordination of women? The cynics have said that." answered Waite, "and I think they're wrong. He wasn't rushing to go overseas. He didn't dislike the foreign travel: he threw himself into it. But it was extraordinarily taxing."

tories? "I think there were a number of instances of very considerable development. For example, Robert was the first Archbishop of Canterbury to visit China — at a time when the Chinese Church was struggling to find a new identity in a country that was beginning to emerge from the Marxist grip."

After sneering at the foreign trips, Wilson cited Runcie's shifting attitude to the ordination of women. He accused him of a "slithery absence of principle", giving as another example his statements on marriage. According to Wilson, in 1981 he had praised the engagement of the Prince and Princess of Wales as an example of "the respect in which the marriage bond is held [by] the Royal Family", but two years later "he appears to be advo-cating divorce". This referred to Runcie's support for the General Synod's proposals to permit the remarriage of cer-

tain divorced people in church. Runcie explains: "I spent a great deal of time in many speeches and writings during the 1970s, on the possibility of holding firm to the principle of lifelong union - and at the same time believing that exceptions should have special treatment. The Catholic and Orthodox churches have dealt with this matter, the one by the concept of the death of a

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tended nullity, but we had refused to do either. An important principle of moral theol-

ogy was at stake." The summer of 1984 saw David Jenkins's election as Bishop of Durham, despite widespread protests from con-

modernist interpretation of the Resurrection and the virgin birth. He was consecrated at York Minster on July 6. Two days later the minster was struck by lightning and seriously damaged. John Habgood Archbishop of York,

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regard this as a sign of divine disapproval; Runcie said that God was on the side of the men who fought the blaze". In September, Britain's coal-

miners went on strike, and Runcie's first public pronouncement on the dispute was critical of the striker: he said, in a sermon at Derby Cathedral: "I have watched with dismay how some have taken law into their own hands and unleashed violence. This lawless behaviour ...

cannot be justified." A few days later David Jenkins, in his enthronement sermon at Durham, took a very different stance, calling for the resignation of the Coal Board chairman, Ian Mac-Gregor, whom he described as an "elderly imported American", and attacking the Government for its indifference to poverty and social unrest. Runcie was soon making similar remarks, telling The Times that he supported the Thatcherite aims of growth,

higher pay, and the recovery of national pride, but that "if the human consequences of such aims mean unemployment on an unprecedented scale, poverty, bureaucracy, despair about the future of our communities. inequitable sharing of the sacrifice called for, then the objectives must be called in question".

Norman Tebbit, Margaret Thatcher's Industry Secretary, described these observations as "a little woolly", and an unnamed minister added: "What a cheek Runcie's got. He's been closing down uncoonomic churches long before we were closing down uncco-

On Jenkins's theological stance. Runcie preferred to hold the middle ground

the whole Christian story". In his 1985 Easter Day sermon in Canterbury Cathedral, he took a firmly traditional theological line. While making no direct-reference to the Bishop of Durham, he [said] that the Gospel stories were based on itrst-hand memo

tradition".

Runcie was now becoming a regular target for mockery in the right-wing popular press. When, in March 1985, he compared Britain's inner-city problems to the Ethiopian famine ("We do not have to look as far as Ethiopia to find the darkness of disease and death") a Cummings cartoon in the Daily Express showed Runcie in the pulpit of a crumbling ecclesiastical edi-fice, labelled "Church of England", saying "We certainly don't have to look as far as Ethiopia to find the darkness of disaster - it's here on our doorstep!". The building is already going up in flames. ignited by David Jenkins, who is clutching a large matchbox.

A few weeks later, Runcie observed: "Some of my predecessors have been polished off in different ways, one of them was beaten to death by mutton bones. I think I'm more likely to be battered by the media."

the Church of England report on the inner cities. Faith in the City, published in late 1985, was described by a Cabinet minister as purc Marxist theology". It called for an increase in child benefit, positive measures against racial discrimination in employment and housing, the raising of the rate-support grant, and an inquiry into mortgage tax relief on the ground that it was unfair to subsidise the betteroff. These mildly left-wing

For some time people have been pressing me to approach an official biographer ... your books have meant a great deal to me and I am searching for a writer rather than a theologian or church politician.
I have suffered and will, alas, continue to suffer from the unofficial sort of book. There is a collection just out which could be consigned to the category of "Hagiographical Stocking Fillers". There are more to come, but nobody has yet had access to any papers in the Lombath the Lambeth archives.

more ado, the sooner the better.

I am not looking for a biography that has to come out in my lifetime ... Anyway, nothing in the next five years. Yet a biographer would probably want to spend some time with me before I decline into complete

MY DEAR HUMPHREY

On January 4, 1991, I received this letter from Robert Runcie, who was then in his last month as Archbishop.

I am very busy preparing for my liberation at the end of January. An idea has recently occurred to me which I hope you might be prepared to discuss at some stage. If it has to be knocked on the head without more ado, the score the batter

I do not suppose I am a very good subject because I am not myself a writer. On the other hand I have been asociated with a good deal of interest in the past decade. There have been a good many people decade. There have been a good many people surrounding me who are writers and I suppose that I hope for something like an Inkling book. That is one of my favourites. If you thought it was worth a meeting, I would be very happy to give you lunch. Frankly, there are hardly any spaces in my diary before I leave Lambeth. Maybe it could wait until afterwards, but I am at the stage of destroying material and have an archivist at my elbow wishing to pounce on every morsel and a librarian wanting me to sign documents

about ownership.

Have you read Owen Chadwick's biography of Michael Ramsey? That is a very different terrain, but it scores high marks on readability and breaks with the old-fashioned ecclesiastical melange of letters and documents.

I keep in touch with your father and hope to see more of him after retirement. Sister Frances Dominica has arranged for me to have an Oxford pied-à-terre in the convent. They have a spare flat, so that should mean we will see something of each other whether this prospect I have advanced appeals or appals you. Yours ever, Robert

DEAR ROBERT

 Many thanks indeed for your utterly surprising and absolutely delightful letter and its invitation. Obviously you require a quick answer, and the quick answer is "yes". We can leave the details until you're a free man. A few random observations: (1) I think you ought to realise that I am no longer a practising and believing member of the Church. A plain old-fashioned agnostic, in fact. I doubt whether this is necessarily a disqualification; I think a biographer always needs a certain distance from his subject. But il to de aware of it. (2) I am not sure whether would be a good idea to wait a long time. I am inclined to say let's get on with it while your memories are absolutely fresh and a large number of people want to know about it all. (3) My only serious doubt is whether you should not write an autobiography instead ... 1 would love to pop in and talk for a few minutes. If I am to do a book. I would like to get a glimpse of your working conditions. Even if this project doesn't 🌰 happen, it will be delightful to see you again . . .

Days later, I had a phone call from him, during which we arranged for me to come to Lambeth and Canterbury the following week. He also wrote to me saying he had "no ambition to write my own biography", and added: "I don't mind your failure to pass a test of Anglican orthodoxy.

One always hopes that writing my biography might be a conversion experience. But I can't think it would be."

proposals led even The Times (December 2) to claim Church and State launched

into new public quarrel". I raised the matter of Faith in the City in conversation with Baroness Thatcher: Thatcher: "Faith in the City

was very different from the later report of the Jewish community on their ap-Carpenter: "Different in

what way?"
Thatcher: "The Jewish community, as you know, always stuck together, they always made a tremendous effort. they always look after their

own, they never asked for -

well, you go and read it! Carpenter: "But you left that Faith in the City ... was turning to the Government, and saying, 'You must do all the work?"

Thatcher: "Well, those are your words. I think it's a document that could have been written very differently." Carpenter: "Lord Runcie

was talking to me about this. knowing that I was going to speak to you, and he said that he feels, looking back, that the Government, or some people in the Government, did make rather a fuss about Faith in the City, but he said it started them on Michael Heseltine's

inner-city initiative. Thatcher: "But the inner-city initiative was long before Faith in the City."

the Church was in any way

Thatcher: "No, no. Look, I don't try to restrict what other opie say.'

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Ian Hislop on his new TV series on the Church — and how his life changed when Richard Ingrams laughed

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'People said you'll lose friends and so I have'

ops. Next week Canterbury Tales, a new Channel 4 series, will follow the tangled tale of the Church of England in the 20th century - chronically at odds with the State - and it is full of surprises.

The first is that the series is presented by Ian Hislop, the Editor of Private Eve: less wellknown as a fastidiously upright, God-fearing fellow who finds his footsteps at Christ-mas and Easter leading him to the nearest church.

In a Lenten broadcast three years ago, when Radio 4 invited his reflections, Hislop obliged with a piece quoting Browning's Bishop Blougram: "All we have gained then by our unbelief / Is a life of doubt diversified by faith / For one of faith diversified by doubt

"A life of doubt diversified by faith is roughly as far as I have got, now that I have reached the age that Christ died." Hislop, then 33, declared.

At 15, he had been dramatically gripped by God at school. There was a charismatic revival at Ardingly (his little-known South Coast boarding school, whose most distinguished old boy was Terry-Thomas). "Two old boys who had become missionaries returned to the school and had a startling effect. Christian Union membership went from about three to 150.

"Boys would get up in chapel services and witness to each other or speak in tongues. There would be mass conversions, hysteria, singing of choruses and exciting prayer meetings in the dormitory. But also a relishing of divine

slum

them'

anarchy. The headmaster did the C of E thing, and let it run its course. Then we all did our A levels and went to school dances and started to pick up girls." But the fascination with Church matters

has lingered. We left his grimy office with its amazingly threadbare carpet. Soho

is awash with smart brasseries these days but Hislop led me to a greasy spoon with Formica tables, plastic chairs and one solitary customer (male) spooning mush into a portly baby. Here he ordered a pot of tea. "I do find the Church very funny," he said. It's really the history of guilty public schoolboys trying to reach out to the working

In a deeply embarrassing opening piece of Pathé News footage from 1962. Father Tony Brown is seen putting a leather jacket over his cassock, riding his motorbike to a bikers' cafe and doing the Twist with Rockers. "Such a good metaphor for the C of E's desperate attempts to appeal to young people." Weren't the



aged prelates slightly astonished to find the Editor of Private Eye interviewing them? I think they have sufficient historical focus to realise that the history of satire is largely written by embittered priests, from Dean Swift onwards. And after meeting all these fantastically old chaplains and slum priests, I can't

help admiring them really." The series tells forgotten stories — about the tithe riots of the 1930s, and Conrad Noel, the vicar of Thaxted, who hung the red flag in his church. Women priests barely signify, "because after all the apocalyptic warnings, almost nothing happened. Last Christmas I went to a very high, smells-and-bells church in Clapham with a woman vicar and it seemed perfectly

He married his wife Victoria in Magdalen Chapel, walking down the aisle to the stirring sounds of Zadok the Priest. They have two children, and live "near Wandsworth Common. That's specific enough for the loonies" and at a country retreat in Somerset, near Christopher Booker's old

rectory. "Booker is is one of my father zures. Hislop's own father died when he was 12, and his

mother died two priests — I years ago, so becan't help wittedness is a melancholy per-spective on life. admiring His mother was always on his side when he

changed his A levels, switched his degree, and announced that he wanted to make jokes for a living, she always said: "Why not?"

He did not even see Private Eve until he was an undergraduate. Living abroad as a child, his introduction to humour was from his parents' records of Beyond the Fringe and Flanders and Swann. At Oxford he did comedy revues, and started his own magazine, Passing Wind - "appalling title, imagine trying to sell adverts to shops in the High"

with Nick Newman the cartoonist. He sent the magazine to Ingrams before going to interview him. (An effective way of getting on in media society. Tina Brown started at Oxford by writing about an Eve lunch.)

managing not to bore Richard Ingrams. Most people found Ingrams's impassive features and disconcerting silences intimidating; the undergraduate

Histop, unfazed, managed to make Ingrams laugh. Ingrams allowed him to contribute jokes, and after a couple of years, made Hislop guest editor in a spirit of mischief, really, just to see how annoyed everybody else would be. Which was very annoyed indeed. There was a lot of queenly flouncing out and 'who is this ridiculous little pipsqueak?"

Soon the boy wonder was being groomed to take over. ingrams took a long summer break, and again left the pipsqueak in charge. It took

some mettle to carry on in the face of the old guard's jealous fury. When Ingrams anounced Auberon Waugh's retire-ment lunch, in March 1986) that he too was going, and that Hislop would be the new Editor, it was "as if the Archbishop of Canterbury had passed on his job to

a 24-year-old". A pushy midget whose feet would not reach the floor when he sat in the editorial chair, a deeply unpleasant little man, a balding, pugfaced little fogey — these were among the kinder epithets. Waugh said it would degenerate into a teenage comic.

But as the years passed - it is his tenth anniversary at the end of this month — even Waugh had to admit: "Young what's-his-name has pulled it together and it's really scarcely distinguishable from what it

"Part of me is slightly envious of people who take over magazines that are no bloody good, which offer scope for improvement," Hislop says. "I took it on at one of its peaks. Why change it?"

ven its victims must concede that life would be very boring without it. There is more attention to fat cats. pigs with their snouts in the trough, company directors plundering pension funds, etc. The libels have waned, after Hislop's memorable declaration "If this is justice, I'm a banana" on the steps of the High Court. There are fewer gibes at people of restricted growth. The cartoons are as

good as ever. Later that day he would be hosting the usual Eye lunch, at the horrible Coach and Horses, where guests - who included a famous television journalist and two Labour MPs - are encouraged to spill beans. He said later it had

been "very productive". He has a fortnightly column in a Sunday magazine where he airs his views — lately about the improvement in the

and hunted for "multi-

savers", linked purchases which trigger special dis-counts or give the shopper

nation's A-level results, on which he commented with a multiple-choice exam ques tion. "A-level and GCSE results have reached new records this year. Is this because (a) the nation's youth is now brighter than at any time in the past, (b) educational standards are at an all-time high, or (c) exams are getting

"I do a lot of talking to sixth forms," he says, "and what really irritates me is the disparity between the brightness of the pupils and the fact that they don't know anything."

His children will go to private schools, as he did. wasn't going to spend my twenties and thirties sounding off about the iniquities of private education and then

change my mind once I had child-A balding ren, as a lot of my contemporaries little fogey Does he care

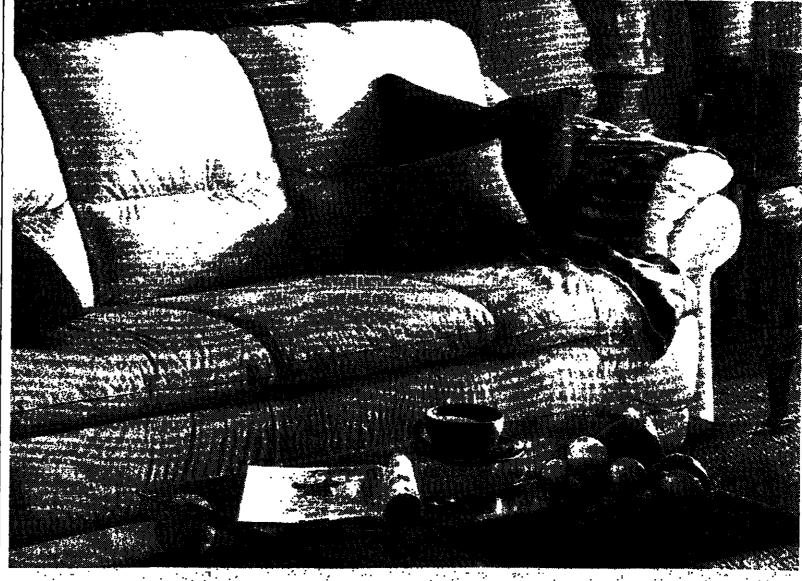
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of him?"Not hugely. But I don't have Richard's total insaid you'll lose friends', and I have." Does he pray? I have resorted to prayer, yes." Like the organ-playing

what people think

Ingrams, he is unable to accept attacks on the Deity, but perfectly happy to run attacks on the Church of England, which persists in providing the Eye with obvious targets. I hope to see next week's Eye parodying that risible new Christmas campaign, Bad Hair Day.





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All change at the checkout

I HAVE seen the future for shopping, and it is a doddle. The ordeal of standing in line at the supermarket checkout queue is going to be abol-

ished. For the people of Reigate. Surrey, this dream became reality recently when their local Safeway became the first store in the country to accept automatic payment for goods they had scanned themselves as they filled their

I was sent to Reigate to pick holes in the system, check out the technology and generally do my utmost to expose any weaknesses. First I had to register my Safeway ABC loyalty card for use with the new system. A work of moments, no difficulty there. Now when my loyalty card was put in a slot in the automatic payment system I was authorised to take a handscanner from the rack.

I elected to shop with a basket rather than a trolley and deliberately chose all the items most notoriously difficult to scan with a laser beam - things with crinkly packages and buckled bar-codes. The scanner worked every time. I did not even have to put my

basket down to work it.
Fresh fruit and vegetables sold loose have to be taken to a weigh point where a display board helps even the most ignorant to identify what it is they are purchasing. Touch a pad under the appropriate picture, and out comes a bar-coded slip with all the information the automatic till will require. Little difficulty there.

on the revolution in supermarkets

Robin Young

something free.
At the automatic payment point I placed my hand-scanner back in the rack and received in return an itemised account of my purchases. As a first-time customer, a note at the bottom told me that I had to take my basket to be rescanned by Safeway staff.

Hooray! The customer services controller. Hazel Kerry, told me I was one of the few whose hand-scanned total did not tally with the staff's own reckoning.

ALAS, when we checked, it proved the mistake was mine, not the machinery's. 1 had been caught inadvertently trying to smuggle a jar of sun-dried tomatoes out without paying.

On the other hand, the system had itself

multisave that should only have been And when both those items were taken into account there was still a difference of 7p (in my favour) in the totals which was unaccounted for. "It is probably one of the fresh produce items where the store bar

slipped me an odd 10p by refunding £2.35 on

code has not been changed when we reduced the price overnight," Hazel con-I paid by putting my loyalty card into a slot, presenting my itemised invoice in another slot for scanning, and then inserting a credit card. No queueing, no need to

sign, no fuss. It was game, set and match to



Best foot forward for the local historian of our pedestrian race

By toasted teacake time today. Professor Christopher Elrington will roll up to the west front of York Minster. He will be travelling by Walker's Bus, otherwise known as Verruca's Scooter and the Fallen Arch Stagecoach. And he will be limping towards the end of his historic hike of more than 1,100 miles through all the shire counties of England. En route he has been pressganged into pushing the caravan of a dreadlocked traveller (at Tintagel). He has found himself entirely surrounded by barbed wire in a ploughed field in fenniest Cambridgeshire, only to be informed by the ploughman that the footpath he was following was for locals only, and so hidden. He has lost a stone, having started with nothing to lose. He has lost his way many times, but never his temper or his determination to

carry on hiking.
For Professor Elrington is in the tradition of eccentric English walkers. He does not have the excuse of Phyllis Pearsall. She walked 3,000 miles to list the 23,000 roads for her London A-Z (which would be even more useful if some of the roads in Apache territory were marked with street signs). Slanderers said Phyllis walked only because she continually failed her driving test. Elrington claims to be a good driver, and is said (unpersuasively) to have passed his

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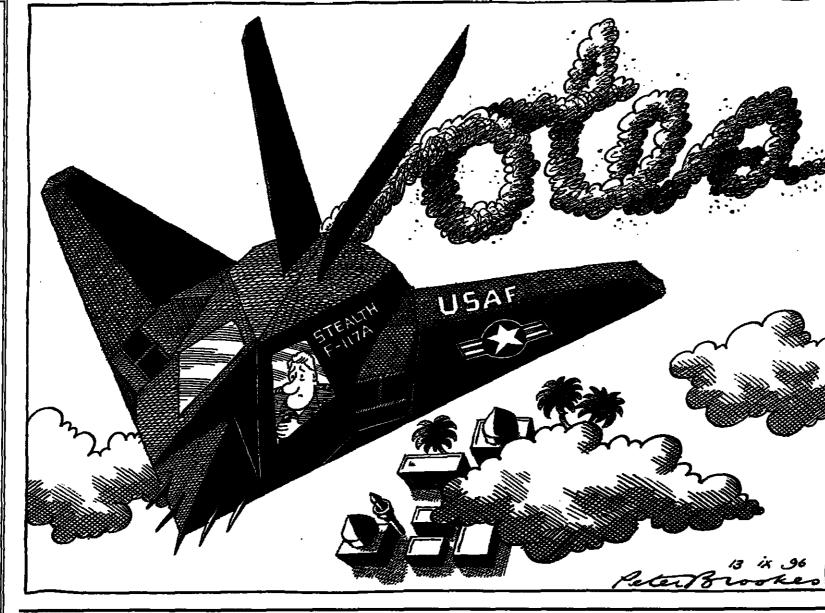
Nor is he walking just for pleasure. The barry English idea of going for a walk for no other purpose than going for a walk is as nauseating to Elrington as to Millamant. This eminent professor walks to spread the slogan for his Victoria County History. Any writer worth his modern who has to write about a county, town, parish or local peculiarity of England turns first to the VCH. If all the books that have been cribbed from the VCH were recycled into trees, they would make enough to recover the English counties with their primeval forest.

The VCH is one of the great Victorian literary institutions, like the OED, the DNB and The Times. More than 200 of its large red volumes have been published, but as many more still wait in the pipeline. The research and writing are financed largely by grants from public funds in the counties, and recently some of those grants have been reduced or withdrawn. So Professor Elrington has decided to put left leg in front of right, then right leg in front of left, and repeat the procedure until he can bring the majestic project to completion. That would be a far more useful object for the Millennium Fund than any of the daft proposals so far. For the VCH is the seedbed of English history.

And we English are a race of pedestrians. he Normans conquered us with horsemen in steel, but we English footmen turned our backs, plodded on and assimilated the mounted foreigners. Our country is small enough to be walkable. And it is far more interesting seen from a footpath than from a motorway. The most revealing Rural Rides have actually been rural walks. And walking London has a long literary tradition: remember young Dickens lying in bed in Highgate hearing the rustle of thousands of feet walking into London at 4am to work.

John Taylor, the "Water Poet" (1580-1653) made his living from sponsored walks. In 1618 he undertook to travel on foot from London to Edinburgh without taking a penny in his pocket, nor "begging, borrowing, or asking meat, drink, or lodging". These and similar hikes provided him with good copy, the patronage of the famous and a reputation as the McGonagall of his age. Like McGonagall, Taylor aspired to be Shakespeare: "Though I deserve not, I desire / The laurel wreath, the poet's hire." He never quite made it. The DNB unkindly describes him as a literary bargee - but it

gives six pages of his publications. To walk is the defining activity of man. When it is about 14 months old, the conscious mind commands a child "Stand!" And the child has entered the human commitment to walk upright. And immediately it needs a playpen. Walking is not eccentric. It is we of the deskbound, chairbound, carbound, travelator-surfing generation who are inhuman. And the hiking professor is just walking back to his roots in support of the local roots of history.



Abroad really is bloody

ome, let us put all care aside for a change and think only about merriment, wassail, laughter and the pleasant side of the weather. And we shall start with a most striking headline: "Cars overturned as mob attacks National Gallery". Bravol How wonderful it is to be living in a country so thirsty for art that it can never be slaked, and - as the headline tells -Trafalgar Square has been full of people fighting, literally fighting, to get a mere glimpse of the Degas and the Stubbs at the National Gallery.

No, alas, readers, I am cheating; I dare say you realised that. But if you didn't, try this:

England football fans went on the rampage after the national football team's Wembley defeat last night, throwing missiles at police and bystanders, looting shops, and burning cars . . . crowd-control barriers were overturned and a hot-dog stand smashed by thugs eager to take on the police in a pitched battle . . . shortly north of Trafalgar Square, standing on the steps of the National Gallery, throwing missiles through its windows . . .

We might as well toss in a few headlines, for instance: "Russian student stabbed five times in the neck and chest after his attackers heard his accent

. Dozens of cars set on fire . . . Groups of vobs intent on confrontation . . . Riot stirred up by four gangs" - and of course - it is absolutely de rigueur in these merriments - "MPs say tabloids are to blame for football violence".

And that is only football. There are

lots more from other sources. Take the 74-year-old Betty Ellis, who was in Dachau concentration camp and lived to tell the tale. But Nazi gauleiters are nothing to the children of Birmingham today. A 10-year-old knocked on her door, asking if he could get his football back from her garden, and when she let him in, he and another boy allegedly knocked her to the ground, broke a couple of her ribs, and ran off with her purse. To which she said: "You just don't expect children to do that sort of thing." Oh, Madam, you had better

start expecting right now.

By now the theme of my column must be coming clear. But I must say that I am not just piling up a heap of dreadfulnesses (though I could pile up an Everest of them in half an hour); my purpose is to make clear the differences of our horrors and the horrors of other countries. I begin with

How few are the places of peace, and how lucky we are to live in one of them

What though the spicy breezes Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle; Though every prospect pleases, And only man is vile?

'And only man is vile". You're telling me, Bishop, especially when I see a headline reading "Troops kill 200 rebels in Sri Lankan assault". The Tamil Tigers want a separate state; the leaders of Sri Lanka do not want to give them one. Silly? "Sunday's fighting ... has claimed 300 lives." How silly can

And Peru's long struggle against the Shining Path guerrilla group has taken a turn for the worse: "with a deadly series of bombings and attacks . . .

ore than 35,000 people . . . since 1980 . . government has detained more than 500,000 suspects . . . " And then again there is Seoul, South Korea, where "prose-

cutors demanded, on Monday, that a former President, Chun Doo Hwan, be executed, and that his successor, Roh Tae Woo, be imprisoned for life for presiding over some of the bloodiest days of South Korea's authoritarian past . . . Both men are also accused of using bribes to amass hundreds of millions of dollars in secret political slush funds."

nd what about that startling headline "Algeria buries murdered bishop"? If the murder of bishops is to become a frequent occurrence, things have come to a pretty pass, but the truth is that the murder of bishops is indeed going to grow; you only need the mad Islamic fundamentalists, who have killed and will continue

And what of the power struggle in Indonesia? Suharto was and is nothing but the head of a murderous regime of thugs, who like having their opponents killed if they can get away with it, which they can. And I remember vividly the apologies for the regime by Patrick Nicholls, MP, who was very cross with me because I wrote 1,500 words on the genocidal regime that slaughtered

countless innocents at East Timor (experts say probably about 200,000). I wonder if Mr Nicholls, MP, is having second thoughts now about what happened: if so, I shall be the first to

congratulate him. And why - Mr Nicholls, MP, may say — is this story being brought up again now? It is because the oppressed people of East Timor, and indeed the Indonesian opposition, have once again found a hero (actually a heroine) to plead their case before the bar of decency. truth, honour and democracy — four things that Suharto knows not of.

The heroine is Megawati Sukarnoputri, and we might start with the obvious. The obvious is that Suharto and members of his family and friends have accumulated vast wealth: the corruption is so gross that the middle classes, who are well-off by Indonesian standards,

flock to Mrs Megawati. But beyond those who can (again by Indonesian standards) get by, there are by World Bank definitions, thirty million living in absolute poverty. You ask: "How can that be tolerated?" You are naïve; by proportion, Indonesia has one of the largest armies in the world, and the irony is that only the army could - and one day may - throw out Suharto and

Indonesia? It is a long way away. In our country, one in ten - more likely one in fifty — could point to Indonesia on globe.

Then we learn that there is more and more violent crime in the nascent South Africa, where we thought, because black had turned to white and vice versa, all would be well for ever.

in this tiny collection that I have put before you today, there are no fewer than seven warring tribes, some of them internecine, others awaiting a chance to strike: many don't know or care what they are going to fight and kill -- great heaven, I swear that there is not a Tamil Tiger in the universe who truly understands why he is killing or being killed. Now let us go back, for a moment, to

I am sure that it could not be in

better hands than a former pupil

of Holywell Grammar School -

Her request was granted.

Reeve gauche

NEWS that French ambassadors

have been instructed to boost their

country's prestige by dressing

with more style and tanning them-

selves cuts little ice in White-

hall. They remember Sir Antony Acland. slicker than Brylcreem.

when he was described in Wash-

ington as having "one pinstripe

My vote for stylish diplomacy

goes to our man in the Ukraine.

the no-nonsense bearded motor-

bike rider Roy Reeve. He's never

be seen on a sunbed, but he gets

the job done better than most.

too many".

as I once was myself!"

Mrs Betty Ellis. Take the words that she said as soon as she was capable of speech after being assaulted: "You just don't expect children to do that sort of thing." I made a harmless joke, but burnt into my mind and soul in that moment was something very much

greater than any joke.

Look through that catalogue of horrors, of countries where no man or woman is truly safe. Look thoroughly, because I have the list at my hand: Sri Lanka and the Tamil Tigers; Peru and the Shining Path; South Korea; Algeria; Indonesia; South Africa. And I have not mentioned Burundi or Grozny.

re pick up The Times at breakfast, and all too frequently we find in it a murder or a brutal robbery. But just as we shake our heads in sadness and horror, we stop, or we should. Because we have realised that in our country such crimes are the rarity and in every one of that catalogue of countries it is the norm, and for mass murder of children we have to go to Dunblane and a raving lunatic. (But I must not cheat; springing from Belgium, a new horror has grown, and we learn that the number of paedophiles grows apace in our country.)

Perfection is not to be found this side of heaven. But a reasonable measure of ordinariness, calm, decency and laughter, we can expect. So how do we secure it? After all, the peaceful places of the world come down to a sprinkling of Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand, my beloved India (hanging on by its teeth). Canada (but alas not the nited States), bits and pieces from this or that continent. In how few countries how few? - can people be sure that when they lie down to sleep they will also wake.

We all think grimly: "Suppose I had been born somewhere else — some-where terrible?" After all, we are only a tiny bundle among the huge numbers. And indeed I might have missed being born in Britain; both my grandparents and my father were born in Russia, and they might have stayed there, to be murdered by Stalin or Hitler.

Go down the lines again - the lines of Sri Lanka, the Tamil Tigers, Peru's Shining Path, Seoul. Algeria, Indonesia, South Africa. And pause for a few moments in silence. And if tonight you wake screaming, thank your forebears that it was only a dream.

Social services on trial

Sheila Lawlor on

alternatives to the

officials' monopoly

very week there seems to be a very week there seems to be a new story about the powers of the social services and their abuse. Yesterday, an independent inquiry was set up into Hackney local authority's handling of the Mark Trotter affair. A handling of the Mark Trotter affair. childcare worker with a police record of abusing children in Liverpool was employed by Hackney and worked at a children's home. Seventeen councillors resigned over what they saw as a coverup. Despite a violation of the law, there was no simple or quick way to challenge bureaucratic authority.

And there is another aspect to an

overpowerful local bureaucracy. Last week's tale of the father caught up in a world of police arrest and overnight incarceration, and subsequently made the subject of a report by the local social services, has tinges of Kafka. The father had reprimanded his 12-year-old son for bullying the younger children. The boy refused to go to his room, and in the course of a struggle to take him there, his father slapped him. The boy went to the police station to report the "crime". The police came to arrest the father - a teacher with no record of wrongdoing despite his wife's explaining the situation. He spent the night in jail, was banned from the family house and

subsequently brought to court.

Were the authorities in this case acting legally? Technically, yes. A child can report an assault and, under the 1989 Children Act, bring an action against his father. The police can investigate and father. The police can investigate and arrest. The social services can advise the police and the courts on the interests of the child.

Yet this is not Kaika's country but Britain, where the liberties of individual men and women, including parents, are supposedly protected. Innocence is presumed unless guilt is proven. Parliament rules, not bureaucracy. A knock on the door should not pose a sinister threat - unless one is a criminal.

Such simple truths have been oc-cluded as the intellectual fashions of recent decades have left their mark on law and policy. Campaigns for new thinking about "rights" have singled out specific groups (women, ethnic minor-ines, children) for special treatment under the law. But one group's "rights", promoted as an end in themselves, are

often at the expense of another's.

Take the Children Act of 1989. The laudable intention was to protect both children and parents. Yet as with other good intentions of the 1980s, the law in practical application has ended by reflecting the views of pressure groups. Thus the rights of the parents, the family or of the other children may take second place to that of the child who takes the case to law. In another recent case, a I6-year-old girl left home to live with her boyfriend against her parents' wishes. She received legal aid to challenge the parental sanction that she should not now see her six and sevenyear-old siblings.

long with legal changes, there has been a huge expansion of the machinery of state. The powers and budgets of local authority social services departments have expanded. and they enjoy a near monopoly on official advice and judgment on law and directives relating to families and children. In the 25 years of their existence, they have supplanted the voluntary and charitable bodies which in the past gave

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The potential power of the official had been anticipated much earlier by the German sociologist Max Weber. In 1918. in a lecture on socialism, he argued that "in public enterprises . . . the powerfully and exclusively dominant figure is the official: it is not the worker . . . It is the dictatorship of the official ... which ... is on the advance".

The question facing us today is how to challenge that dictatorship. In the long term, the law itself will need radical review — not by the interest groups, but by non-partisan and practical lawyers. ceptical of the modes of thinking which have brought the law into disrepute and

disturbed the balance of justice. But justice should not await that outcome. To protect children, and indeed parents, a way to challenge the monopoly of the official must be quickly established. Social services should no onger have monopoly powers over children at risk. In dealing with parents. the police should seek advice from reputable people outside the battlefield of doctrine: employers, schools, the family doctor, churches. In other areas too (such as adoption), reputable independent and charitable bodies should be encouraged to register as providers of services now almost exclusively in hands of officials, and responsibility and funding should be diverted. A precedent has been established in school inspection, with independent inspectors being

registered under Ofsted. Furthermore, the police should be encouraged to concentrate on real crime burglary, assault and child abuse -rather than on soft targets who are far from being criminal. Misguided adolescents, as well as their innocent parents, would benefit. When the police and social services take up children's complaints, the result is to split them further from their families and to turn them into clients of the social worker or the welfare state. They would do better to ride out the difficulties of growing up under the care of their parents, for whom children are not part of the struggle for a new society, but treasured though imperfect souls to be nurtured to

responsible adulthood. The author is director of the independent think-tank Politeia.

My optic

UNSETTLING news from the act. "She just wouldn't have the literary world. Auberon Waugh, Editor of the Literary Review and distinguished columnist, can no longer read books. Deteriorating eyesight has precipitated this sad state of affairs, which he is bearing with impressive equanimity.

Waugh has taken to wearing a vast magnifying glass round his neck to help his weary eyes, but this helps only a little. "I don't read books any more," he said. "My eyes go out of focus after a very short time. I can read short passages, but books are impossible.

Bron was speaking of his difficulty at a literary function held this week at the Groucho Club in Soho. Fortunately, there is no danger of the disability forcing him to hand over the reins of his fine magazine. "Not reading books is probably rather a good recommendation for being Editor of the Literary Review," he said.

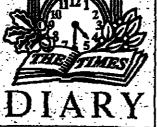
 Sound medical advice was given by Dr Jonathan Miller to his leading diva in rehearsals before his production of La traviata last night at the ENO. He insisted that the dying heroine remained firmly in hed throughout the last energy to do anything else," he explained to the cast. "So we won't have the customary final lap of honour round the stage before she collapses and dies, thank you."

Party strife

PARANOIA is tightening its grip on Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, and with good reason.



"We think it was welded tarether from two vehicles"



When they stop sweeping their HQ for bugging devices, party workers should look carefully at two of their latest candidate recruits, John Aspinall and James Osborne. They share a nephew in George Osborne, special adviser to Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture. At the general election, as his uncles fight their seats for Goldsmith, the Gucci-clad George Osborne will be giving daily morning press briefings to

the Prime Minister. More evidence of nervousness in the Referendum Party comes in an edict from Goldsmith's bunker, stating that party organisers are to abstain from lunching with the press until after the election.

 Time to end the rumours surrounding Princess Caroline of Monaco's shaven head. It is not the result of chemotherapy or any punk leanings. According to close

friends, the explanation is alopecia, a scalp condition remedied by plenty of fresh air and sunshine on the bare head.

School's in

ANN CLWYD, MP, may be an unreconstructed old Labourite and thorn in Tony Blair's side, but she recognises the old school tie when she needs it. Clwyd wrote to Sir Ronald Waterhouse, chairman of the current tribunal of inquiry into North Wales child abuse, on behalf of five of the victims. She was asking the judge to rule that funds be made available for their representation. Thoughtfully she concluded her letter: "Can I wish you every success with the inquiry.



Under there THE SECRETS of Peter Lilley's

underwear will be revealed by his wife Gail to millions of television viewers next Thursday in a BBC2 documentary, The System. Filmed while being made-up for

his speech at last year's Conservative conference, the hoot-faced Social Security Secretary looks yet more glum when a beautician starts hunting for some hairspray. هكذا من الأصل



Debbie Harry in the old days

"It's not a beauty contest," he complains. Mrs Lilley disagrees: "Parade around in your boxer shorts,"

 Broader in the beam and saggier of chin. Blondie, the 1970s pop group, are re-forming. Possibly hoping to fill the gap left by the apparent split of Oasis, four members of the band are to join up for a reprise of such foot-tappers as Atomic and Denis Denis. The regrouping follows the rather disappointing solo career of the lead singer Debbie Harry.

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CURB THE CULL

Britain must no longer wait for vague EU promises

It was announced from Downing Street yesterday that Douglas Hogg, the Agri-culture Minister, is to hold a fresh round of talks with Brussels on the cattle cull. What he should tell the European Commission is that the Government now sees no valid scientific, political or moral reason for carrying out the massive slaughter that it has been cajoled by its European partners into accepting.

All the latest evidence shows that a more limited cull would be workable and no less effective in eradicating BSE. Such an announcement risks the anger of European partners; but this is as nothing compared with the disastrous effects the present vacillation is having on Britain's farmers and on the Government's credibility.

The Government has an obligation to ensure that British beef is safe and to do what it can to prise open the export markets. The sole rationale for a cull that would wreak financial and emotional havoc on Britain's farmers is that only by killing such large numbers will Britain persuade its partners to lift the export ban. It is now abundantly clear that no matter how many cattle are slaughtered, European governments, faced with a collapsing beef market and fierce consumer resistance, have no intention of allowing British beef back into their countries or of easing the global export ban. In speeches and committee hearings they have given every sign that for them the Florence understanding is an empty shell. Britain should, therefore, repatriate the issue. Henceforth all decisions on how to deal with this catastrophe must be based on the only valid criterion: available scientific evidence.

That has always been in short supply. Recent figures argue, however, for a more targeted approach. The most encouraging is the announcement that since the end of May there have been no cases of the new form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. There has not among the fearful consumers of Germany.

been the predicted explosion of the pre-sumed human equivalent of BSE. The second finding is that BSE is likely to run its course within five years. That is still too long, and uncertainty has been increased by the discovery of maternal transmission. The Government should stick to its insistence that 22,000 last-born calves must be destroyed. But there is no need to increase the cull simply to regain consumer confidence.

Mr Hogg will meet the predictable opposition of the Commission to any reduction in the cull's scope. That is because beef politics is one of the most sensitive issues in Europe today and because EU nations could not endorse the scrapping of the Florence agreement so soon after it was hailed as the way forward. But Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner, is not alone in knowing that Florence was, in reality, an accord which satisfied no one. He and his fellow Commissioners would be heartily glad to see the BSE issue removed from their dossiers. They cannot give Britain any assurance that the export ban will be lifted, even within two years. They see a British beef market that is recovering, and do not want to be the butt of British farmers' anger, or caught in constant rows between

veterinary committees. The Government's focus must now turn inwards. So far the cull is behind target, erratic and badly organised. Farmers have no idea how many cows they will eventually have to kill, how long they must feed those condemned, who is supervising the timetable for the cows' destruction and what steps the Government will take to compensate them for their losses. It has been a failure of nerve, of policy and of political vision. Mr Hogg should tell the Commission in Brussels that Britain will no longer wait for vague promises or vanishing prospects of relief. The disease began here and will be eradicated here: not on the streets of Paris or

ADAPT OR DIE

South Africa's National Party requires fundamental reform

For a man who has had such an enormous impact on the future of his country, F. W. de Klerk's impression on the National Party he heads has been surprisingly modest. As his interview with The Times today indicates, the former President knows his objective must be to rectify that imbalance. South Africa, he rightly argues, needs greater party competition based less strictly on race.

The African National Congress, as Mr de Klerk sees it, is an anti-apartheid coalition that now faces the politics of hard choices. While Nelson Mandela remains at the helm its diverse strands will probably hold together; after that its factions could drift apart. The task before the National Party, by contrast, is to reach out to a much wider constituency than it has hitherto. That challenge is easily identified. How to meet it has proved more contentious.

Several factors conspired to delay reform. While the party was engaged in negotiations for the transfer of power between 1990 and 1993 this task seemed far more important than introspection. But because of that missed chance it entered the first all-race elections in April 1994 with little message beyond exploiting the concerns of whites, Indians, and Coloureds over what a black majority regime might do. After that it joined the Government of National Unity, again postponing significant internal change despite a deepening identity crisis. All this was compounded by the hasty decision to leave office this summer before the party's fundamental questions had been addressed, never mind answered.

Mr de Klerk has recently turned his full attention to this problem. His appointment

in February of Roelf Meyer, a highly regarded former Minister of Constitutional Development, as party secretary-general was a positive step. Yet the wider matter of the party's direction is still very uncertain. It remains obsessed with an unconvincing justification of its past.

In his remarks Mr de Klerk spoke of the importance of "values" in a future political appeal. That implies some sort of African Christian Democratic Party as his model. An organisation of this title and thinking already exists and has not demonstrated electoral appeal. There is little evidence that enough South Africans want to take religion into politics in this manner. It is also difficult to envisage any direct appeal to the expanding black middle class, surely the basis for any serious future rival to the ANC. emerging from this route. Large sections of the National Party, especially its black supporters, acknowledge this and have

urged a sweeping reassessment.
When he first embarked on his historic programme it was fashionable to bracket Mr de Klerk with Mikhail Gorbachev. That comparison looked less flattering as time went on and is rigorously resisted by him now. It might, however, be worth his while investigating the means by which some former Communists in Central and Eastern Europe have engineered their comeback. That strategy involved a new name, accepting the verdict of history and drawing a line under it, rapidly promoting new figures untainted by the past, and eagerly adapting to a new economic environment. If it is to prosper, or even survive, the National Party will require no less radical a transformation.

SEE THE MYSTERIES

A Chinese guide for the present and the past

Today the British Museum opens its doors to the first explorers of The Mysteries of Ancient China. It is not only a thrilling exhibition to the eye: the objects on display have, in only a few years, forced the rewriting of history.

This is the second great China exhibition to be sponsored by The Times. The first, The Genius of China at Burlington House in 1973, opened the eyes of thousands to the vigour, sophistication and captivating artistry of Chinese culture. It caught and held the imagination of young people for whom this had been unknown territory; some of them now belong to the British Museum's new generation of China scholars.

This exhibition takes the process of exploration a stage further. Brought from museums all over China with the generous co-operation of Zhang Wenbin, the director of China's State Administration of Cultural Relics, are clay pots, bronzes and jades from Chinese Bronze Age societies whose existence was until very recently unsuspected by

the Chinese themselves. This mood of discovery is captured immediately at the entrance to the exhibition, where the Marquis of Yi's 36 great bronze bell chimes, dating back to the Warring States period in the 5th century BC, have been magnificently remounted. It was these bells, together with another set found near by, that yielded a map of the Ancient European Renaissance, China turned with passion to its hidden past.

The archaeologists who are sifting China's rich yellow earth are natural partners for journalists. We both chase new knowledge; we both learn to respect the tricks of evidence; and we share a driving interest in the methods, beliefs and organisation by which human beings form their diverse societies and nations. Alongside the fascination of uncovering hidden histories comes the pleasure of finding how similar are human impulses, even when lives are separated by great tracts of time and space. We may pride ourselves that our methods of inquiry are more precise than were the divination tools used by 13th-century BC Shang priests, but the topics that concerned them - military strategy, the harvest and the hunt, the weather and even royal

misadventures — are familiar. For The Times therefore, this renews a proud tradition of cultural sponsorship in a particularly appropriate way. Joseph Needham, the great pioneer of the history of Chinese science, once wrote of Europe and China that "no sea divides us, but oceans do". The oceans of incomprehension are much less formidable today, but voyages such as this exhibition provides are rarely on offer. Those who visit The Mysteries of Ancient China between now and January 5 will delight in its surprises and its beauty; they will also gain something less tangible

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Uncertain future of student loans

From Mr Richard Tate

Sir. The announcement that the Government intends to privatise the student loans scheme (report and Pennington, September 12) fills me, a new student, with dismay. The Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, claims that the terms on which students receive loans will not change; if this is so,

why is the scheme being privatised? In my view the student loans scheme should not be run by a company which makes a profit; indeed any money made should be used for administration costs. Surely any buyer would want to increase profitability, and this inevitably has serious ramifications for student finance.

I will be attending Nottingham Trent University in a couple of weeks, with a full annual maintenance grant of £1,710; my accommodation costs alone in a hall of residence will amount to £2,055, therefore I cannot see a way of avoiding taking out a loan from the Student Loans Company at some point.

The Government does not seem to realise that students are the future of this country and that most will be eligible to vote in the general election for the first time. It seems to me that, with the cuts in higher education funding and maintenance grants, the Government is, in essence, stealing

from the country's future.

The Student Loan Company is an organisation in which students are forced to place a great deal of trust. That trust should not be undermined by a Government which needs money to try to bribe the electorate with tax cuts in November.

There should be adequate safeguards to ensure that the financial burdens on students are not exacerbated by unreasonable demands, through interest charges or repayment pressure, from a private company or consortium out to make a

Yours faithfully. RICHARD TATE, Low Wood View, 5 Bainton Road, Tibthorpe, nr Driffield, East Yorkshire. September 12.

Russia's Army

From Lieutenant Commander

Sir, "Does not the war in Chechenia, like the Afghan war before it, show that the might of the Russian Army is after all a myth, created by the Russians and the West to frighten us all?", asks Mr Nasir Saberi (letter, August 31).

The answer is "No, not really," The Russian Army during the Cold War was specifically designed for the rapid conquest of Western Europe using World War Two-style blitzkrieg tactics. What it lacked in technical sophistication was compensated for by weight of numbers in men and

Once the smaller professional mili-tary forces available to Nato had been overwhelmed and destroyed, the Western European countries could be held down by a combination of quislings, the KGB and Interior Ministry troops. Resistance move-ments would be difficult to organise and would lack effective weapons, it having been a policy of Western European governments since 1917 to disarm their populations as a prophylactic against revolution.

In both Afghanistan and Chechenia the Russian Army was being tasked with operations for which it was neither trained nor equipped. Short of implementing a policy of total destruction (of both people and property) its failure was predictable. Also, perhaps crucially, most Afghan men possessed rifles and knew how to use them.

Yours sincerely, DAVID THOMAS, Akroyd Cottage, Abbey Park Lane, Burnham, Buckinghamshire. September 3.

Mapplethorpe show

From the Director of the Hayward Gallery

Sir, Contrary to your report of Sept-ember 9, "Child charities attack gallery's explicit display", the portrait of a young girl which you mention is not included in the forthcoming retrospective of Robert Mapplethorpe's work opening here next week.

This comprehensive exhibition (including the portrait in question) has already travelled to 13 major public galleries worldwide, to great acclaim. We have always known that the Hayward would not be able to accommodate all the works, due to space limitations. Given the nature of Mapplethorpe's work, we consulted the police and took legal advice some time ago.

in considering our final selection. we concluded that it would be inappropriate, in the current climate, to include this particular portrait, commissioned from the artist in 1976. The exhibition will nevertheless represent the full range of Mapplethorpe's powerful and uncompromising work.

Yours sincerely, SUSAN BRADES, Director. Hayward Gallery. SBC, Royal Festival Hall, SEI.

Case for a Defender of the Faith with 'honest doubts'

From Dr N. C. Bhaskaran

Sir, I feel compelled to respond to the debate, addressed today by William Rees-Mogg, on whether the Prince of Wales should be seen to "love the Church a little more" in order to be the constitutional Defender of the Faith of the Church of England (see also

letters, September 10 and 11). The fact that the Prince projects a religious broad-mindedness, acknowledging the role of other religions, cannot be held against him. Broadminded views can only unite the hopelessly divided world, in which today more fights are fought in the name of God than in any other.

One would have imagined that the theologians would be in the forefront of a concerted effort to unite rather than to divide people in the name of religion. It is a credit to Prince Charles, and

the entire Church of England, that he

is able to see that Church as no more equal than other religions. Yours sincerely, N. C. BHASKARAN, 51 Robertson Road,

Walkley, Sheffield. September 12.

Sir, With due respect to the arguments in your leading article of September 10, I believe that the monarch's job is to be, not to feel; to be a symbol, not an

From Mr Stephen N. David

agonising soul. Anglicanism is part of the job description of the monarch, and part of the constitution of 50 million people. Charles should accept the whole package, not just the parts he prefers.

If the heir to the throne cannot put the demands of the constitution ahead of his personal beliefs, then a republic is inevitable.

Yours faithfully, S. N. DAVID, The Mill, Godmanstone, Dorset. September 10.

From Ms Gillian Cohn

Sir, What I found particularly offensive in Humphrey Carpenter's revelations, quoted in the extracts which you published today, was Lord Runcie's

remark: "He's on about the grandeur of our cathedrals and epic language of the Prayer Book, but he wants to be exploring Hinduism with the people

in the inner cities." exist outside the Anglican commu-nion, and to be concerned with faith in the widest sense.

Runcie imagine that those of us who

Yours faithfully, ROBERT TYLER, Centre Director. St George's Post 16 Centre, Newtown, Birmingham.

Surely, it is the mark of a cultured and civilised man to be imbued with curiosity about, and fascination for, the many forms of worship which

Where is the contradiction? Will we not all be the Prince's subjects when he ascends to the throne? Does Lord are not bound by the Holy Trinity and the Anglican communion will be excluded from the Kingdom?

GILLIAN COHN, C3 Elm Court, 71 Barlow Moor Road, Didsbury, Manchester. September 9.

From Dr Robert Tyler

Sir, Your readers may be interested to know the context of your front-page photograph (September 10) of the Prince of Wales threading a needle "as controversy raged over his religious

The occasion was the opening of this new Church of England education and training centre in innercity Birmingham, during which the Prince visited an adult education hatmaking class. He also visited the worship room and showed great interest in our approach to Christianity - one which addresses all faiths through dialogue and co-operation.

September 10.

From Mrs S. T. Chrystall

Sir, Surely it is time for everyone to stop castigating Prince Charles for one thing or another?

He has spent his life trying to help his people in many ways. He has a deep spiritual awareness which, if allowed to express itself, would draw

also proves to possess the strength of character needed to unite our divided Christendom. He may well be the last person who will ever be able to do so, and it would be the job of a life-

> Yours faithfully, PETER GOODFORD. The Old Vicarage, Ascott under Wychwood, Oxfordshire. September 10.

> > From Mr John L. Aimers

Sir, If the choice lies between my future King — with some honest doubts about his Church — and my past Archbishop — who brings scan-dal to that Church and hurt to the Royal Family by breaking the bond of confidentiality implicit in their special relationship - give me Charles every time!

together his multi-racial subjects, be they Church of England, Hindu, Catholic, Buddhist or Muslim. This is

the only way forward for us as a

multi-ethnic people. We would all be enriched in the

process, and Charles will make in due

course a wonderful King, a King for

Blackwater Farm, Sherfield English,

Sir. The time is long past since there has been an ecumenical council of the

eastern and western churches. It was

the prerogative of princes to call these meetings, and there are very few

princes who have the dedication.

interest and will-power to attempt

such a task today.

Our Prince of Wales certainly has

the first two of these qualities, and he

might achieve universal acclaim if he

our time and for the 21st century.

Yours faithfully, STEPHANIE CHRYSTALL,

Romsey, Hampshire.

From Mr Peter Goodford

September 10.

Yours faithfully, JOHN L. AIMERS (Dominion Chairman and Founder), The Monarchist League of Canada. 49 St Clair Avenue West, #505. Toronto, Canada. September 10.

Making reparation with Nazi gold

From the Policy Director of Mind gold in and out of Germany did not

Sir. As debate grows on how the Nazi gold held in Swiss bank accounts can be repaid to its rightful owners (reports, September 10, 11, 12; leading article, September 11; article, September 12), we should pause to consider the different ways that Hitler's regime made money from its victims.

The so-called "euthanasia programmes" - in which about 250,000 adults and children with mental and physical disabilities were murdered in Germany and its occupied territories - were justified on the grounds of the economic savings to be made through 'disinfecting" (killing) these "useless eaters". It was estimated that the first wave of killing - 70,273 people up to 1941 - saved 885,439,800 Reich Marks, assuming an average life

expectancy of ten years. Reparation could be made by allocating a proportion of the Nazi gold to groups of people with psychiatric or physical disabilities, whose sense of security in the world was so devastated by the Holocaust, and who are now working to assure their rightful place in society.

Yours faithfully, LIZ SAYCE, Policy Director, Mind, 15-19 Broadway, E15. September 12.

From Mr H. H. Marcus Sir, The publication of the Foreign Office report on the movement of Nazi adequately deal with undisclosed prewar accounts held in Swiss banks.

As a lawyer advising descendants of Holocaust victims I have spoken to many clients, now usually in their seventies, who have very reasonable grounds to believe that their fathers or grandfathers made provision for their families in Switzerland before the war, but so far none of them have been able to identify the banks or details of such accounts. The establishment last year by the Swiss authorities of a banking ombudsman in Zurich may possibly lead to some elucidation in a few cases.

The only fair and equitable way to deal with this problem is for the Swiss to lift the banking secrecy in cases where there has been no movement on an account for, say, 50 years. These accounts should be published, giving details of the person who opened the account. Most of them will be dead, but it would help the survivors to identify their inheritance and enable researchers to look for the legitimate heirs, who would then be able to pursue their claim by following

appropriate probate proceedings. Perhaps Mr Rifkind, who is due to visit Switzerland shortly, can persuade his Swiss counterpart to do just

contact which could put right many a

misplaced concept concerning these gentle souls. Their innocence, how-

ever, might make them all too

vulnerable were it not for organ-

isations that provide shelter and a

As Ms Campbell-Johnston hints,

abortion must remain a personal

decision for parents. However, we

may hope that doctors advising them about Down's syndrome children will

be able to describe their loving nature

working community life.

from personal experience.

Yours sincerely.

September 3.

ROBERT LORD.

Chelwood Vachery, Nutley, East Sussex.

Yours faithfully. H. H. MARCUS, Edmonds Bowen & Company, 4 Old Park Lane, W1. September 12.

Down's syndrome

From Mr Robert Lord

Sir. It was heartening to read the sympathetic feature by Rachel Campbell-Johnston (August 28) concerning the effects of segregation on those born with Down's syndrame.

During my work (as an interior colour consultant) I have on many occasions come into contact in institutions with people with Down's syndrome. Their disposition seems to provide them with an above-average capacity to put themselves out for others, to give and when necessary to

Segregation unfortunately means that the public is denied a beneficial

Morningside patter

From Mr Jeremy Lemmon

Sir, In his letter of September 2 about the pronunciation of "Edinburgh" (see also letter, September 5), Mr A. D. Matheson offers "the standard Fife rendition of 'Embrae'; which ... rhymes with William McGonagall's

The reference would surely not have pleased that opinionated poet, since he seems to have preferred yet another challenging pronunciation: When the train left Edinboro, The passengers' hearts were light and felt no sorrow

Yours faithfully.

silvery' Tay".

From Mr C. F. MacLaren

Sir. On a recent train journey I may have lighted on the definitive pronun-

ciation of Edinburgh. As we neared the city an Olympian voice announced: This train is now approaching Embro Wavey." As a long-expatriate Scot, my tribal

memory was enough to tell me that if "Wavey" could be Waverley, then I was on the right train for Edinburgh. Yours sincerely. COLIN MacLAREN,

Eye Park, Eye, Suffolk.

Letters should carry a daytime

The Coach House,

Whale bones

From Mr Nicholas Redman

Sir, I only wish your report was correct in stating (Hidden Assets, Business, September 7) that the grotto at Heythrop Park in Oxfordshire still houses the skeleton of a bottle-nosed

Sadly this is not the case. The skeleton, which dated back to the 1870s, was removed in 1991 and taken off to the Natural History Museum in London, where, disarticulated, it remains in store. Although it was suffering in its dark and damp home. it is a pity that it proved impossible to preserve it in situ

In the 19th century full-size whale skeletons were often displayed in public, and sometimes went on tour, not just in this country, but round the rest of Europe and to America. The setting up of skeletons in the grounds of large houses was, however, much less common. Of those that were, Heythrop's was almost certainly the last complete one in position and its

loss is to be regretted. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS REDMAN. Moorcove, Hindhead Road, Haslemere, Surrey.

September 8.

Travelling expensively

From Mr Andrew Sullivan

Sir, I was delighted to hear what a smooth journey Lord Tugendhat en-joyed through France on the autoroute network recently (letter, September 7). In May of this year I, too, was obliged to drive to the far end of France and, since I had the deadline of a wedding ceremony to meet, I also revelled in the efficiency of the

autoroutes. However, when I arrived at my destination, a quick totting-up of my toll charges showed that my trip had cost me well in excess of £100 before I .. took into consideration fuel, food or accommodation.

Yours sincerely, M. ANDREW SULLIVAN, 51 Norbiton Avenue, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

Squall in a teacup

From the Reverend Dr John Hunter Sir. For many years my first task on getting up at 6.30am was to go downstairs and make a pot of tea. Having given my wife a cup I then went back to bed for half an hour to drink my tea and listen to Today.

Last Christmas my mother-in-law gave us a Teasmade: a splendid acquisition. It wakes me up but doesn't get me up and, since it is placed on my wife's side of the bed, she now serves me with a cup of tea.

Can someone please explain what is "naff" about this, and why journalists should make fun of Norma Major for having one (report, September 4)?

Yours truly, JOHN HÜNTER, Jacaranda.

The Street, Frampton on Severn.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 12: The Duke of York. Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of the Trustees of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SEIO. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 12: The Princess Royal this morning attended the University of Bath's International Colloquium on Sport and Higher Education into the Twenty First Century at the Guildhall, Bath. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset (Sir John Wills, Bri.

Her Royal Highness, Patron. Institute of Logistics, this evening

presented the National Awards at the 1996 Annual Awards Cere-

September 12: Princess Alexandra. accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon vis-ited County Durham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham (Mr David Grant).

Victoria Conference Suite at Auck-land Castle, Bishop Auckland, and uently visited Durham Cas-

Institute of Logistics

The Princess Royal, Patron of the Institute of Logistics, was a speaker and presented the annual awards at a dinner held last night at the Royal Lancaster Hotel.

Mr David A. Quarmby, president, welcomed the guests. Dr Ian C. Canadine, director-general, and Mr Mike Burbage, chairman, also spoke. The premier award. Logisties Company of the Year, went to United Transport (UK).

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The Duke of Norfolk, KG. presided at a dinner held last night at the Café Royal for members and guests of the Association of Papal Orders in Great Britain of Pius IX. St Gregory the Great and St

Cardinal Basil Hume was the guest of honour. The High Commissioner for India and the Ambassador for the Republic of Ireland were among the guests.

mony and attended a Dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London W2. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

Her Royal Highness opened the

Dinners

Admiral Sir Jock Slater, First Sea Lord, presided at a Navy Board dinner held last night at Admiralty House to mark the retirement from the board of Sir Moray Stewart and Vice-Admiral Sir Rob ert Walmsley.

The Anchorites

Rear-Admiral Patrick Rowe. Deputy Master of Trinity House, was the principal guest at a dinner of The Anchorites held last night at the Cafe Royal. Captain J. Hall

Appointments

Mr Victor Benjamin and Mr Ian Dahl have been appointed Trust-ees of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

Sir David Puttnam has been appointed a Trustee of the Science Museum.

The Rev Phillip McFadyen and the panels that were hidden at the back of a rood screen in his church

Church secret revealed after 460 years

By John Shaw

MEDIEVAL artwork in striking colours, unseen for 460 years, has been discovered at the back of a rood screen at St Helen's Church, Ranworth, Norfolk. Three panels showing the white rose

of York against rust and green-coloured backgrounds were found on the back of the rood screen when six miserie stalls attached to it were removed for repairs. The stalls were taken to the church by monks from St Benet's Abbey, Norfolk escaping from Henry VIII's soldiers during the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

The stalls were attached to the back of the screen which saved the paintings for

future generations. The Rev Phillip McFadyen, vicar of Ranworth, said the panels were known about because there was an inspection panel in one of the stalls. But they were not expected to be in such good condition. The fact they were covered up for so long has helped to preserve the original colours intact. He

said it was an exciting find. The 15th-century rood screen is among the best preserved in the country and has paintings of the saints on the other side. They were partially defaced but were professionally restored in the

Ranworth Church and its artistic treasures were featured in Andrew Graham-Dixon's BBC Television series

n the history of British art. They include a 15th-century antiphonary, a music book for singing the offices of the Church, which includes a series of 20 illuminated pages. The book was rediscovered and bought back by the

church at a sale in London in

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James Deveson, a young music student who is a member of the congrega-tion, has discovered that one of the pages, for Easter Day, has been ripped out probably before the 1910 sale.

Mr McFadyen said: "We would love to have this back again and I would appeal to anyone who might have it or who might know where it is to return it to the

School news

Howell's School Denbigh, North Wales

Barrier and Salah Barrer (1997)

Term began on September following excellent results at both A level and GCSE. The Prime Warden is Laura O'Marah and her Deputy is Rebecca Clark. The Senior Day Girl is Rebecca McEvoy and Head of Sixth Form House is Laura Davis, Samantha Wright, Fiona Sly and Letitia Fung joined the senior school this term as Drapers' Scholars. The Open Day for both the senior school and preparatory is on Saturday, November 9, 1996, and the entrance examinations take place on January 22 to 24, 1997. The Autumn Term ends on Friday, December 13, with a Carol Service in the School Chapel. Speech Day and the Annual Visitation by the Drapers' Company will take place on July 5, 1997. Any Old Howellians wishing to renew con-tact with the School are invited to contact the Headmistress. Howell's School exists to promote education for girls.

Merchant Taylors' Schools,

Crosby Merchant Taylors' Schools in Crosby started the new term on September 12, with a combined school roll of 1,775. The Errays Jones Lecture will be given by the Right Rev Lord Runcie on October 14; the Boys' School Speech Day, with guest speaker R.D.V. Knight, MA, Secretary MCC, will be held on November 11 and the Girls' School Speech Day and the Girls' School Speech Day, with guest speaker Professor Janet Finch, Vice-Chancellor, Keele University, will be held on November 21. Term ends on December 19.

The beginning of term on Thursday, September 5, marked the conclusion of a major building development which has taken place over the last tweive months. A quadrangle development incor-porates extension and renovation of Dining-Hall and kitchens, new Lower School classrooms, IT room and facilities for girls as they move

into Year 3. This and the allweather pitch have been added to the new Pre-Prep building which was opened on May 14 by Mr Nicholas Bornford, Headmaster of Harrow School, Sir Rodney Walker, Chairman of the Sports Council, will officiate at the opening of the pitch and new buildings on Thursday, October 24. The annual soccer match will precede the Old Boys' lunch on Sunday, January 12, 1997. Details of this and proposed Decade Dinners will he included in the magazine.

Wentworth College Bournemouth

Our 125th anniversary year began on September 4. Elizabeth Birch is Head Girl, Meg Collins, Deputy Head Girl and Melissa Holmes Head of Boarders. Speech Day is Friday, September 20, and Open Day, Tuesday. October 22. The WMMOGA reunion will take place in London on Saturday, November 2, and the Miltonian Guild meets in Crawley on Sat-urday, October 19. A diary giving full details of all 125th anniversary events may be obtained from the

Whitzift School

Michaelmas Term began on September 4 and ends on December 13. Ian Hunter is the Cantain of School. Open Morning for prospective parents is on Sat-urday. October 12, from 10.00am to 2.30pm. The London Mozart Players become Whitgift School Associate Musicians this year and are performing in Big School on September 29. An Evening with Lady Antonia Fraser is on October 3 at 7.00pm. The Royal Photographic Society's exhibition Sporting Eye will be on display in the school Gallery October 14-18. HMS Pinafore will be performed on December 5-7. Full details of Arts Events and tickets are available from the School Office, 0181 688 9222. Whitgift School is a registered

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University news

Reading The following new research grants and contracts have been accepted by the members of the departments named:

From the Research Councils: Professor P D S Caligari (Agricultural Botany), £107,500 from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council - advanced Research Fellowship award. Professor P D S Caligari (Agricultural Botany). £124.988 from the

iciency transformation technique for UK crop species. Dr G Cook and Mr K Bright (Construction Management and Engineering), £164.188 from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council - to investigate

BBSRC - development and

exploitation of a novel high eff-

Lighting for the visually impaired in a non-uniformly lit office Professor B J Hoskins, Dr P J Valdes and Dr M Blackburn

(Meteorology), E65,907 from the Natural Environment Research Council - development and use of an intermediate GCM. Dr A Parker and Professor B W

Sellwood (Meteorology), E103,190 from the NERC - anatomy of a source-rock: environmental, cli-matic and stratigraphic signatures in the type kimmeridge clay. From other bodies:

Professor R Burch (Chemistry). E39,895 from Air Products and Chemical inc - selective hydrogenation of unsaturated

Professor D E Beever (CEDAR, Agriculture), £21,480 from Ajinomoto Co Inc - to examine the effect of supplementary enzymes to the diet on the utilisation of nutrients by lactating dairy cows. Dr M J Wilkinson (Agricultural Botany). Dr A Culham (Botany) and Dr P Hadley (Horticulture and Landscape), £23,491 from the Biscuit. Cake. Chocolate Confectionery Alliance - genetic finger printing of cocoa and germplasm. Dr P Hadley (Horticultural and Landscape). £37,754 from the Bis-cuit, Cake, Chocolate Confeccocoa germplasm database. Dr S F Walker (Typography and

from the British Library - chil-

dren's use and understanding of

Dr N Ravenscroft (Land Manage-

nent and Development - Centre for Environment and Land Tenure Studies). E18.847 from the Countryside Commission - evaluation of the Commission's Milestones

Dr S Williams (Computer Science), £15,096 from Daphne Jackson Memorial Fellowship Trust Fellowship award

Dr R Davies and Mr J G Brennan (Food Science and Technology), El52,960 from the Department of Trade and Industry and EA Technology - teaching company scheme DTI/EA Technology Professor C W Nobes (Economics),

E37,812 from the European Commission - accounting information in Europe between harmonisation processes and idiosyncratic economic contexts: the case of Italy and the UK

Professor P Mosley (Economics). E77,000 from the Gatsby Charitable Foundation - research on obstacles to the diffusion of the green revolution in Africa
Dr R J Esslemont (Agriculture).
E148,031 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food an investigation of the incidence treatment strategies and financial implications of mastitis in organic

and conventionally managed UK dairy herds.
Dr S P Carruthers (Agriculture). £53,498 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Fixed extension to organic herbage le

gume intercropping.

Mr G Dugdale (Meteorology),

162,300 from the National Engineering Services Pakistan - floor otection project, Pakistan Dr E Owen (Agriculture), £147,030 from the Natural Resources Institute - husbandry strategies for improving sustainable utilisation of forages to increase profitable milk production from cows and goals on smallholder farms in

Tanzania. Professor R J Summerfield (Agriculture). £14_367 from the Overseas drought in rice. Professor P Mosley (Economics).

£69.319 from the Overseas Dev elopment Administration - study of the impact of overseas aid on the private sector of developing and transitional economies. Professor P Lowry (School of Animal and Microbial Sciences). 556.371 from the Wellcome Trust Weilcome Prize Fellowships.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Patron of the Scottish Badminton Union, will attend the Friends Provident Grand Slam Tournament at the Bell's Sports Centre, Perth, at 4.30. The Duke of Kent, as patron, will visit the Stoke Mandeville Burns and Reconstructive Surgery Research Trust, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, at noon.

Birthdays today

The Marquess of Ailsa, 40: Miss Carol Barnes, broadcaster, 52; Miss Jacqueline Bisset, actress, 52; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Boorman, 66: Sir John Coulson, diplomat, 87; Sir George Engle, QC, former First Parliamentary Counsel, 70: Baroness Fisher of Rednal. 77: Lord Flowers, 72; Mr George Foggon, former Foreign Office adviser, 83: Professor Sir John Gunn, natural philosopher, 80; the Duke of Hamilton, 58; Mr Goran Ivanisevic, tennis player,

The Hon Colin Moynihan, former MP, 41; the Right Rev George Noakes, former Archbishop of Wales, 72; Mr Tony Pickard, tennis couch, 62: Mr Colin Pickthall, MP, 52: Sir Thomas Risk, former Governor, Bank of Scotland, 74: Mr Robert Sheldon, MP, 73; Mr George Staple, Director, Serious Fraud Office, 56; Mr James Stuart-Smith, QC, former Judge Advocate General, 77: Protessor Sir Keith Sykes, anaesthetist, 71: Mr Keith Thompson, former Vice-Chan-cellor, Staffordshire University, 64: Mr Mel Torme, singer. 71: Mr Shane Warne, cricketer, 27: Lord Weidenfeld, 77.

University news

Dr F.J. Trevor Burke has been appointed to the Chair of Dental Primary Care at the University of Glasgow. Professor Burke was formerly a Senior Lecturer in Dental Practice at the University of Manchester.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr the Hon H.J.J. Drummond and Miss Z.D.V. Rankin The engagement is announced between Humphrey John Jardine, son of Captain Humphrey Drum-mond of Megginch and the Lady Strange, and Zara Daisy Viviana, only daughter of Sir lan Rankin, Bt, of Bryngwyn, and Mrs George Asseily, of London and Beirut.

Mr M.J. Patterson and Miss C.P. Mulherron The engagement is announced between Michael James, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Sterling Patterson, of Glenallen House, Bangor, County Down, and Catriona Patricia, only daughter of

Mr J.R. Aubanel

Mulherron, of Edinburgh.

Marriages

Terrace, London,

and Miss E.J. Rowe

Mr R.D.H. Turner

and Miss E.M. Scott

The engagement is announced between William, only son of Mr and Mrs John Rowsell, of Antrabus, Cheshire, and Eleanor,

middle daughter of Mr Michael Rowe, of Winchester, and of Mrs Richard Denny, of Marlborough,

The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr David Turner, of Henley-on-

Tharnes, Oxfordshire, and of the

late Mrs David Turner, and

Emily, elder daughter of Mr and

and Miss K. Johnston The marriage took place on September 12, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ewell, between Mr Julian Robert Aubanel, son of the late Mr John Edward Aubanel and of Mrs Eileen Aubanel, and Miss Kim Johnstone, daughter of the late Mr William Edward Johnstone and of Mrs Margaret Johnstone, of Wollongong, NSW,

Mr J.D. MacDougall

The marriage took place on Augus 17, 1996, at the Church of Holy Trinity, Startforth, Co Durham, her sister. Miss Morag Turnbull

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley, statesman, Bourne, Lincolnshire, 1520; Clara Schumann. pianist and composer. Leipzig. 1819: J.J. Pershing. C-in-C American Forces in the First World War, Laclede, Missouri, 1860: Arnold Schoenberg, com-poser. Vienna, 1874: J.B. Priestley, complicity and dramatics. Bendford novelist and dramatist, Bradford, 1894: John Smith, leader of the Labour Party 1992-94. Ardrishaig.

DEATHS: James Wolfe, general, killed in the taking of Quebec, 1759; Charles James Fox, statesman, London, 1806; Charles Nicolas Oudinat, Duke of Reggio, Marshal

and Miss F.E. Turnbull

between James, son of Mrs O.M. MacDougall, of Crowthome, Berk shire, and Colonel G. MacDougall, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Turnbuli, of Barnard Castle. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Mr Jon Gowar was best man.

France, Paris, 1847: Ludwig Feuerbach, philosopher Rechenberg, Germany, 1872 Alexis Chabrier, composer, Paris, 1894; William Heath Robinson. cartoonist, London, 1944; August Krogh, physiologist, Nobel laure-ate 1920, Copenhagen, 1949; Leo-pold Stokowski, conductor, Nether Wallop, Hampshire, 1977. John Bunyan was released from Bedford jail after 12 years' imprisonment, 1672. New York became the federal capital of America, 1788. The Knickerbocker Club, the first baseball club, was founded, New

Latest wills

Vivian John Herman Ellis. Vivian Ellis, the composer and author, president of the Performing Right Society since 1983, left estate valued at £1,473,723 net. He was the composer of many popular songs including Spread a Little Happiness. Other People's Babies, and I'm on a See-Saw, and the author of Top and Tails, the biography of Jack Buchanan, and his auto-

biography Ellis in Wonderland. He left his painting by Noel Coward to the Garrick Club; the remainder of his chattels to the National Trust to be displayed at Dunster Castle; £10,000 to the Performing Right Society for the Vivian Ellis Prize: £20,000 to King Edward VII's Hospital for Offi-cers; ££5,000 to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation; and royalties and other performance income

to the Garrick Club. Gwyneth, Duchess of Portland, of London, left estate valued at £642,093 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

Lady Marshall of Leeds, of Holiby, York, left estate valued at £730,618 net.

Lady Follett, of Barnes, southwest London, left estate valued at £675,956 net. She left her estate to the Cats Protection League. Sir James Runcieman Sutherland

of Farmoor, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £838,944 net. He left 13,000 to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and \$2,000 to Age Concern. Rector, West Stoke to be also Canon and Prebendary of Chich-David Band, of London WI4, left

Denise Marie Fitzpatrick, of London W14, left estate valued at £1,488,047 net. John Benjamin Davies, of Aberdare, Rhondda Cyon Taff, left estate valued at £1,117,104 net. Brian Rowland Powell, of Lian-gefni, Anglescy, left estate valued at £1,204,083 net.

estate valued at E558,595 net.

Oswald Francis Charleton, of Cress in Hand, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,086,837 net. Frederick James Allen, of Beck-enham, Kent, left estate valued at El.309.064. He left his estate mostly to relatives. Simon Thring Stephens, of London W2, left estate valued at

£1,497,867 net. He left his estate

The Rev Richard Arding, Assistant Curate, Bromley Common St Augustine to be Vicar, Wilmington St Michael (Rochester). The Rev Owain Bell, Rector,

Oldswinford: to be also Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral The Rev Paul Burkitt, Priest-incharge, Newington w Dairycoates: to be Priest-in-charge, Kingston upon Hull St Mary (York).

The Rev lan Chandler, Assistant Curate, Hove to be Bishop's Domestic Chaplain (Chichester). The Rev Nigel Coates, Chaplain, Southampton University: to be Priest-in-charge. Freemantle Christ Church (Winchester). The Rev David Cook, Vicar, Holme-on-Spalding Moor: to be

(York). tor, Bexhill St Peter and Rural Dean Battle and Bexhill- to be also Canon and Prebendary of Chichester Cathedral (Chichester).

also Rural Dean of South Wold

The Rev Dr Stephen Croft, Vicar, Ovenden and Diocesan Mission Consultant: to be Warden of Cranmer Hall and licensed to officiate (Durham).

The Rev Simon Everson, Vicar. Kennington Park St Agnes (South-wark): to be Chaplain, Hurstpierpoint School (Chichester). The Rev Petro Hryziuk, Assistant

Curate, Goose Green: to be Assisant Curate. Wavertree Holy Trinity (Liverpool). The Rev Donald Johnson, Vicar, Funtington and Sennicotts, and

ester Cathedral (Chichester). The Rev John Lintern, Assistant Curate, Preston on Tees: to be Priest-in-charge, West Pelton St Paul, and Assistant Diocesan Youth Adviser (Durham). The Rev Dr Dennis Lloyd Chaplain, University of East Anglia (Norwich): to be Priest-in-charge, Malvern St Andrew (Worcester). The Rev John Mason, Rector, Willersey, Saintbury, Weston-sub-Edge and Aston-sub-Edge

(Gloucester): in he Priest-in-charge, Selling w Throwley and Sheldwich w Badlesmere and Leaveland, and Diocesan Rural Officer (Canterbury). The Rev John Masshedar, Vicar, Shotton: to be also Priest-incharge, Wheatley Hill (Durham). The Rev Stephen Masters, Bish-

Church news op's Domestic Chaplain (Chichester): to be Vicar, Brighton St Michael and All Angels, same

The Rev Fritha Middlemiss, NSM, Stoulton w Drake's Broughton and Pirton and Norton: to be part-time Chaplain, Malvern Girls College

(Worcester). The Rev Mark Redhouse, Assistant Curate, Fulham St Mary North End (London): to be Assistant Curate, Hove, Bishop Hannington Memorial Church, in charge of Holy Cross (Chichester). The Rev David Ropers, Priest-incharge, Kingston upon Hull St Mary, and Chaplain, North Humberside Industrial Mission: to be Industrial Chaplain (York). The Rev Sheila Stevenson (nee Pitel. Permission to officiate: to be Priest-in-charge, The Stodden

Churches (St Albans). The Rev Sue Whitehouse, Bedale and Curate. Thornton Watlass w Thornton Steward: to be Vicar, Aysgarth and Bolton cum Redmire (Ripon).

Prebendary John Widdas. Vicar. Tamworth: to be Vicar, Walsall Wood (Lichfield). The Rev Erik Wilson, Vicar, Hull

St Martin w Transfiguration: to be also Area Dean of West Hull (York). Resignations and retirements

The Rev David Mellor, Vicar, St Luke's, Derby (Derby): resigned August 31.

The Rev Geoffrey Blackwell, NSM Priest-in-charge, Burpham (Chichester): retired August 16. The Rev John Boroock Priest-incharge, Denion and Ingleton, and Acting Rural Dean of Darlington (Durham): to resign September 30. The Rev Canon Anthony Clayton. Rector, High Framland Parishes (Leicester): to retire December 31. The Rev Dennis Cornish, Rector.

The Rev Matthew Forrester, Chap-lain, Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover (Canterbury): to retire August 31, with per-mission to officiate, same diocese. The Rev Anthony Harbottle, Rector. East Dean w Friston and Jevington (Chichester): retired September 5. Canon John Hester, Canon Residentiary and Precentor.

Selham (Chichester): to retire Octo-

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BIRTHS

CAVE - On September 10th, to Frances (née Hicks) and Nicholsa, a daughter, Louisa Elizabeth, a sister for Frederick and Harriet. CHRZON - On 27th August, to

The Portland Hospital on 7th September to Paul and Phyllis. Brother for Sam. MONDEL - On 30th August 1996 in Jersey, Channel Islands, to Sophie (née Payne) and Martin, a son, Oliver, a brother for Hannah.

SHAW - On 10th September, to Melanie (née Shaw) and h Lucy, a sister for WALKER - On September 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary and Joseph, a beautiful son, Michael Welcome to the world! VATSON-WEST - On September 9th, to Sally and Adrian, a daughter, Felicity Rose, a sixter for William WATSOLWEST

WHILIAMS - On 9th September, to Helen (née Seddon) and Bichard, a son, James Duncan Bichard, a brother for Alasdair. WITTERCOM - On September 10th at The Portland Rospital, to Sally (née Keiso) and Charlie, a son, Benjamin Thomas. DEATHS

ARMITAGE - Robert Prow (Bob) passed away peacefully after a long limess on September 11th, 1996 aged 82 in Canford Criffs, Much loved husband of Vera and father of Richard and Yvonne and grandfather of William, Thomas and Virginia, James and Joanna. The husual service will take place at Foole Crematorium, Gravel Hill, Broadstone, Foole oh Tuesday, September 17th, at 12.30pm. Enquisies to Tappur Funeral Service, Poole (01202) 673164.

CHAPLIN - Lucille (nee Sombardier). Seddenly at King Edward vII Hospitul. Midhurst, on September Sth., dearly loved mother of Jennifer. Service at Chichester Cramatorhus on Turnday 17th September at 2 ym. Family flowers only please. Domaticat if desired to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst e/o LK Liniott & Son. North Street. Midhurst, West Sussen GUZ9 9DG. CHAPLIN - Lucille (no

DEATHS CLETORD - On September 3rd, William Heary Morton, aged 37. Loving husband of the late Katharine, father of Wendy, Faddy and Rill and loving gamdiather. Funeral Service at St Pauls Church, Rusthail on Thursday September 19th at 1.45 pm followed by cremation. Flowers or donations to Reicksh Diabetic Association may be sent to 15 £ may be sent c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 15D.

RUSTOR - Cecil, Squadron Leader RAF, (retired) aged 93 years saddenly at home on September 8th 1996. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thereday, September 19th at 230 pm. September 19th at 230 pm. Faintly flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation c/o Ashton Mathias Funeral Services, 221 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London SW15 680.

GREGORY - Bruce David LLB. of Lincoln and fermenty of New Halden, Sutray. Died suddenly in Paris on 6th September aged 48 years. Much loved husband of Par and father of Paul, Stephen and Andy, Funeral in Lincoln at 12 noon on Tuesday 17th September.

DEATHS HOUNKER - Joan Wolfenden Houlker, peacefully on September 12th, at Macclesfield District General Hospital. Beloved wife of Reginals and much loved mother of Anna and Roger. Femeral service at Macclesfield Crematorium, on Tuesday, 17th September, at 2 pm. Family Rosem only, Denariants if desired for De-Barnardo's, to J.W. at 2 pm. Family flowers only.
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MRDOLETON - On September 9th peacefully at Woodcote Fark, Coulsdon, Surrey. Norma Mary Tessimond (Tess) aged 88, devoted widow of Commander John Middleton, Royal Navy, greatly loved mother of Patrick and Heonetta, prandmother of Toby, Isobel, Nicholas and Petur, and mother-in-law of Jane and Richard. Private family greenation. A thanksgiving nervice will be held at Woodcote House at 230 pm on Friday September 20th Family flowen only please but donations if desired for The Fifth Irust may be mat clo WA. Troulove & Son Ltd., 118, Cartshalton Road, Sutton, Sarrey, SMI 4EL.

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mostly to relatives.

MEMORIAL SERVICES EVERIDGE - A Memoria Service for the late Mrs Patricis Severidge will take place at St James Church, Piccadilly on Tuesday 1st October 1996 at 1130 am.

Thanksgiving for Pansy (Downger Countess of Man and Kellie) will be held on Saturday 29th September 1996 at 3.30 pm at St Mungo's Parish Church, Allon. Thanksgiving for the life of T. Lloyd Robinson will be held at 11 am on Thursday 3rd October 1996 at 3t Mary Eedcliffe Church in Bristol.

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MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES MAJURY

Major-General James Majury. CB. MBE, GOC West Midland District. 1970-73, died on September 4 aged 75. He was born on June 26. 1921.

n a war no one wanted --the Korean War, which exploded all 100 soon over the battle-weary Allies of 1939-45 - James Majury became a byword both in combat, and as an inspiring figure in the appalling conditions inflicted on the PoWs of that internecine conflict. As a captain in the 1st Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles, he was in charge of the mortar batteries in some of the most desperate fighting against overwhelming numbers of Chinese infantry

When the Chinese attacked in close order at Chunghung ong in the bitter-cold dawn of January 3, 1951, they were exposed to the legendary musketry of the RUR, and mortar fire that ploughed huge gaps in their ranks. Only a cruel accident, of the "friendly fire" type which is incidental to war in any age, delivered Majury's battalion into the hands of the enemy.

Ordered to withdraw by the Americans (against its wishes and against all tactical sense) from the position it had held without effort, Majury's battalion was illuminated for the surrounding Chinese by flares unaccountably dropped from a USAF aircraft. Tanks, trucks and armoured personnel carriers slithering through treacherous snow in pitch darkness found themselves exposed to blistering machinegun and mortar fire from the neighbouring heights.

The slaughter was fearful. Crouching in shallow ditches at the side of the road, the infantry were cut down by machinegun fire and decimated by shrapnel. When the Chinese poured down off their heights to administer the coup de grace they were met nevertheless by an obdurate defence as the trapped Ulsters fought back grimly and took a grisly toll in their turn. There were many acts of astonishing courage on that night. Some escaped from the mayhem. One corporal spent 24 hours buried under a pile of scores of Chinese dead before he was able to extricate himself and

steal back to battalion lines. But for Majury and his company there was no such escape. Caught between burnt-out and broken-down

armoured fighting vehicles be-fore, and masses of Chinese behind, they were eventually surrounded and overwhelmed, having suffered grievous losses. They had fought to the bitter end, urged on to the last by Majury, whose repeated command to his riflemen above the tumult of battle was: Let them have it!"

For the survivors, some of the grimmest conditions known to prisoners of war in modern times awaited them. III-treatment of PoWs exceeding, perhaps, even that meted out by the Japanese to their captives on the notorious Burma Railway was their lot. Not content with starving and physically brutalising their prisoners, the Chinese attempted to divest them of every shred of their dignity. To random beatings, torture of every type and the effects of wasting diseases such as beriberi, were added psychological torture and the systematic humiliation of the chaplains who were captured with the regiment.

A small thing in the life of the average soldier in normal times, the consolation of religion assumes a greater importance when all other decencies have been stripped away. Their Chinese captors did everything they could to prevent any practice of religious belief and any form of pastoral care. Bibles and hymnbooks were confiscated. Priests were ieered at and physically mocked in a campaign to convert all the British captives to communism.

In this situation Majury was a tower of strength. In the absence of an Ulsters' priest in the prison compound, he took over the duties of Protestant chaplain. Although suffering from tuberculosis he went about his men administering pastoral care and keeping their spirits up. A book of prayers, clandestinely created by two officers from the "Glorious Glosters", captured at the same time, was soon in use, written out on the rice paper the Chinese allowed their prisoners for the purpose of rolling cigarettes.

Majury was one of the leading spirits behind the book for which he composed a prayer himself, scrawled on a scrap of rice paper. When the Glosters' chaptain. Padre Davies, was taken away by the Japanese, Majury conducted all the religious services in the camp. For almost three long years of captivity, which ended



only with the Armistice of 1953, such activities sustained the British PoWs under a form of incarceration that was designed totally to destroy their cultural identity. Majury and his men were eventually released in August 1953.

James Herbert Samuel Majury was an Ulsterman: he was educated at the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, and Trinity College. Dublin. In 1940 he joined the Royal Ulster Rifles, but in 1941 he volunteered to serve with the Indian Army, then in the throes of wartime expansion. He joined the 4/15th Puniab Regiment in 1942, but was seconded in the following year

the South Waziristan Scouts. He spent the rest of the war on the North West Frontier of India. Life with the Frontier Scouts

was a hard school. The troops were all Pathans from the mountains who expected their British officers to be as tough as they were themselves. It was a lonely life in a harsh environment with few amenities, but Majury loved it, loved he commanded and the savage

beauty of their land. Shortly after India and Pakistan became independent in 1947, when Majury was commanding a wing of the South Waziristan Scouts, he had to

protect Sikh and Gurkha troops who were being withdrawn from their frontier garrison to be returned to India. Neither Sikhs nor Gurkhas were much liked by the Pa-than tribesmen and the convoy was ambushed in the notorious Shahur Tangi pass by Mahsud tribesmen who inflicted heavy casualties. It would have been worse but for the fortuitous arrival on the

Majury rejoined the British Army in the Royal Ulster Rifles on his return from Pakistan in 1947. In August 1950 he accompanied his battalion to Korea as part of the

scene of Majury and his

29th Infantry Brigade. The passage of the RUR to Korea in the troopship Empire Pride provided a humorous preface to the grim fare that was to succeed it. In between weapon and physical training it fell to Majury to lecture to the soldiers on the evils of the communism they were going out to fight, a complex and somewhat theoretical subject in which the veteran Second World War NCOs were supremely uninterested. When Majury asked "Any ques-tions?" during his first lecture

he received the response "Yes,

may we smoke please, sorr?" from an Irish rifleman. And when a bright young national serviceman inquired of Captain Majury: "Sir, what do you think about dialectical materialism?" a fiery old battalion sergeant-major, coming to the rescue of his officer crushed the inquiry: "Diaboli-cal materialism! What the hell next?... Fall out for weapon

Of his subsequent captivity in Korea, Majury was later to say drily that it was "an experience that I would not want to repeat, but it probably did not do me much permanent harm". It had certainly not affected his zest for adven-ture since in 1957 he joined The Parachute Regiment for four vears.

In 1961 he was given com-mand of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and from 1965 to 1967 commanded the 2nd Infantry Brigade. His final command was of the West Midland

Majury was Colonel Commandant of the King's Division, 1971-75; Colonel of the Royal Irish Rangers, 1972-77; and Honorary Colonel of the 2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers from 1975 to 1979.

He was a tall and upstanding officer who possessed many of the characteristics commonly associated with the Irish: a great sense of humour and zest for life, a handsome presence, and a deep and abiding love for the countryside and for country sports. Soon after his retirement, he joined the Greyhound Racing Club of which he became Senior Steward, 1976-88. He was a fiery defender of the sport of coursing; in fact it became hard to think of him without a brace of greyhounds

at his side. He married Jeanetta Ann Le Fleming in 1948 and they had two sons. His family survive

MARJORIE MOON

Mariorie Moon historian of children's literature, died on September 12 aged 88. She was born in Malta on March 10, 1908.

ONLY rarely do the leading auction houses give an accolade to collectors of children's books. The named sale at Christie's last year of the library of Marjorie Moon may be seen as a notable acknowledgement of her sta-tus as an authority in her field. From childhood onwards she had both a love for, and a curiosity about, children's

books, which began when an aunt showed her one of the doll-dressing books published in the early 19th century by Messrs Fuller, the proprietors of the Temple of Fancy. Events conspired, however, to prevent her fulfilling her interest until her later years - even though she might have done so through an early connection with The Times. Through her mother, Edith

Marjorie Davidson (as she was before her marriage) was descended from John Walter I, the founder of The Times, and after her schooldays at Eastbourne she harboured ambitions to join its staff. She worked for the publishers A&C Black, while making persistent applications to Printing House Square: eventually she was taken on to fill a temporary vacancy in the

typing pool. This week of employment expanded to five years, during which time she worked as assistant to Ronald Carton, the editor of Special Numbers and Crosswords. She also became a staff reviewer, dealing chiefly with children's books and books about the countryside.

Although she greatly enjoyed her work, she was seized with an urge to travel, and in 1938 she was given a six-month dispensation to go to Kenya. She became more and more attracted to living there permanently. When war broke out she took a job at Forces HQ and then as a farm secretary, and in 1942 she married Justin Trevor Moon, an agricultural officer in the Colonial Service. They remained in Africa, first in Kenya, then in Uganda until he retired in 1963, when they returned to England.

During all this time Marjorie Moon had retained her deep interest in the history of children's books. With the opportunities afforded by re-

tirement she began to develop this interest, collecting chil-dren's books from the Regency period and doing research into the publishing activities of one of its most energetic publishers, John Harris.
This deepened her know-

ledge, and in 1976 she published the modestly titled checklist of John Harris's Books for Youth, 1801-1843, which proved through its richly detailed annotations a major contribution to the subject and established her as a leading authority on early 19th-century children's books. After the death of her husband in 1977 she continued her



work with a bibliographical study, The Children's Books of Mary (Belson) Elliott (1986), and in her S0th year she travelled to Los Angeles and Toronto in pursuit of material for her work on the publisher Benjamin Tabart. This resulted in yet another groundbreaking study, Benjamin Tabart's Juvenile Library (1990), which shed much light on a figure as obscure as he was important.

The later stages of her work on this book were made increasingly difficult as Marjorie Moon succumbed to Parkinson's disease. Her wide circle of friends in Winchester. where she lived, and her enthusiasm for collecting helped her to withstand it, and in 1994 she was able to assist with the catalogue of an exhibition of her books that was held at Christ Church, Oxford.

Marjorie Moon was well known among students of children's literature for her generosity in sharing with them her ideas and her hospitality in making available material from her fine collection.

She is survived by a son and a daughter.

JAMES DODDS

James Dodds, CB. former Under-Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, died on August 26 aged 83. He was born on February 8, 1913.

JIMMY DODDS belonged to that generation of clever and committed young civil servants who helped to create the National Health Service after the war. His own particular contribution lay in helping to establish the network of Whitley councils to settle issues of pay and conditions in the new system. His creative skills and patience undoubtedly contributed to the relative industrial peace and right cost control which characterised the early years of the NHS.

Dodds spent his entire career in the same ministry. where the long list of ministers he served reads like a postwar political Who's Who. They included Aneurin Bevan, Florence Horsbrugh (with whom

he got on particularly well as her private secretary). Iain Macleod and Enoch Powell. Richard Crossman, Anthony Barber and Kenneth Robinson. Yet despite his intellect and reputation, Dodds never

climbed quite as high as had been forecast. James Pickering Dodds was born in Darlington, where his father owned a printing and stationery business. He was an outstanding pupil at the town's Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Although he also played rugby for the school, it was as an academic that he shone, winning a scholarship to Jesus College, Cambridge, where, as predicted, he took a First in Modern

History. He then came top throughout the country in the Civil Service entrance examination. before entering the Ministry of Health in 1935. In 1950 he won a Nuffield Home Civil Service Travelling Fellowship, which took him to Australia and New Zealand, to study the health systems there for six months.

In the following year Dodds

was promoted to the rank of Under-Secretary, at 38 one of the youngest in Whitehall. Appointed CB in 1954, he seemed set upon a glittering career, destined to become one of Whitehall's senior mandarins. He served as accountant-general, in charge of finance in the Health Department, then as director of establishments and organis-ation, in effect the ministry's head of personnel. Yet he failed to make it to the dizzier heights of his profession, retiring in 1973 as an Under-Secretary - the rank which he

had reached 22 years earlier. There was no questioning Jimmy Dodds's ability. Those who did so — deceived by his quiet, undemonstrative style were soon vanquished at the negotiating table, even though he never raised his voice or lost his patience. But as Whitehall grew more competitive, with outsiders being drafted into the Health Ministry, Dodds's unobtrusive air of quiet dignity was not best suited to advance his cause. An instinctively kind, polite man, he shrank from "using his elbows" in the scramble for top jobs.

After leaving the ministry in 1973 at the age of 60, he chaired a number of Civil Service boards before retiring from these, too, ten years later. Thereafter he devoted himself to his extensive library. Dodds's other favourite pas-

time was walking - mainly in the Lake District, which he loved and where he was involved in the preservation of Wordsworth country. He had met his wife Ethel through the rambling society in Darlington. When she died, nine years ago, he had a wooden bridge built in her memory across a beck in the Newlands Valley of the Lake District. Two daughters survive him.

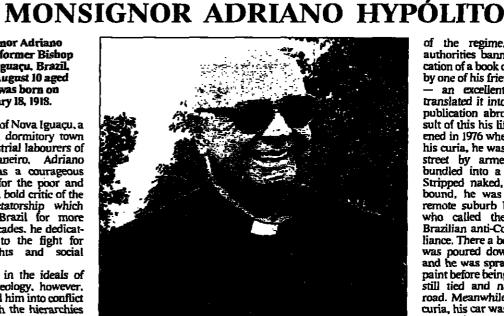
Monsignor Adriano Hypólito, former Bishop of Nova Iguaçu, Brazil, died on August 10 aged 78. He was born on January 18, 1918.

> down-at-heel dormitory town for the industrial labourers of Rio de Janeiro, Adriano Hypólito was a courageous spokesman for the poor and oppressed. A bold critic of the military dictatorship which dominated Brazil for more than two decades, he dedicated his life to the fight for human rights and social

AS BISHOP of Nova Iguaçu, a

His belief in the ideals of liberation theology, however, inevitably led him into conflict not only with the hierarchies of conservative Catholicism but also with a fiercely rightwing regime. Embarrassed and threatened by his outspoken criticisms, the military sought to discredit him. He was labelled a "red bishop" and his life was put under threat. But Hypólito was never swayed from his steadfast beliefs.

Adriano Mandarino Hypólito had been committed to his religious ideals from an early age. Born and brought up in Sergipe, a northeastern province of Brazil, he was ordained priest at the age of 22. He, served as auxiliary bishop in



São Salvador de Bahia and attended the Vatican II Council as a conciliar father before. in 1966, he was appointed Bishop of Nova Iguaçu. Two years earlier, in 1964.

after a period of economic crisis exacerbated by allegations of corruption, the leftwing regime of President Goulart had been overthrown in Brazil. The country was to be run by a military dictatorship until 1985. One of the few voices to dare to speak out against this dictatorial regime

was that of the basic Christian communities, church-based groups which grew up in Latin America throughout the 1960s and 1970s, increasingly replac-ing any more formalised parish system among the poor. Hypólito was one of a progressive group of bishops in Brazil who pioneered and supported these communities.

It was Hypólito, too, who in the 1970s was responsible for exposing to the world the way in which government death squads eliminated opponents

of the regime. When the authorities banned the publication of a book on this subject by one of his friends, Hypolito – an excellent linguist – translated it into German for publication abroad. As a result of this his life was threatened in 1976 when, on leaving his curia, he was seized in the street by armed men and bundled into a waiting car. Stripped naked, hooded and bound, he was driven to a remote suburb by assailants who called themselves the Brazilian anti-Communist Alliance. There a bottle of spirits was poured down his throat and he was sprayed with red paint before being abandoned. still tied and naked, in the road. Meanwhile, back at the curia, his car was burnt.

Hypólito was by nature a gentle and highly cultured man who loved music and poetry. He never fully recov-ered from this brutal ordeal. Yet he continued undaunted with his pastoral work, living as simply as the poor of his diocese, continuing to promote land reform and education programmes. He was much loved and admired by the priests who worked under him, and it was a bitter disappointment for them, as much as for him, that upon his retirement in 1994 a conservative bishop was appointed in

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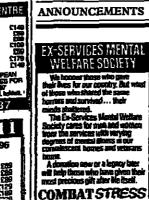
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SCULLING ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

The Rev. Sidney Swann. Vicar of Crosby Ravensworth, Westmorland, yesterday sculled from Dover to Sangatte, near Cape Grisnez. Calais. in a racing skiff in 3hr. Somin. Mr Swann was in the Cambridge eight in 1883-4-5 and had a son in the eight this year.

He started, accompanied by a motor launch.

from Dover Outer Harbour at 4.50 yesterday morning. A fresh breeze with a good deal of south in it was blowing; the sea was inclined to be choppy and the strong spring tides are still running. Mr Swann pulled a long, steady stroke, and at the end of the first hour's sculling he was seven miles directly across the Channel. In less than half an hour more he was in mid-Channel, over ten miles having thus been rowed in 90 minutes, About this time, Mr. Swann had a rather uncomfortable experience, receiving the wash from the large East India steamer Chanda: he had to scul under her stern, but fortunately no water was shipped. The manoeuvring to pass the steamer took Mr. Swann rather out of his course, but he was soon making good progress again towards the French shore. He was now rowing slightly slower, but was still striking 27 to the

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The Rev Sidney Swann, a Church of England clergyman, rowed across the Channel in a racing skiff in a little under three-and-a-half hours, but it was by no means plain sculling all the way, particularly when he met the wash of a large East India steamer.

Swann was eight miles off Blanchez, but when he was three miles out the breeze got stiffer and lumpy seas were met which made his task a very difficult one. During the last mile conditions became steadily worse. Whitecapped waves broke over the skiff and she became almost waterlogged. But at 8.40 Mr. Swann safely grounded his boat on the shore.

THE "STRIKE" OF SCHOOLCHILDREN. The "strike" of London schoolchildren. whose grievances were too much cane and too

yesterday in most districts. A policeman was stationed in the morning outside each of the schools affected, including those in Wenlock-road, Bath-street, Napier-street, and Hanover-street, but in spite of this some of the older boys stationed themselves outside the main entrances and endeavoured to persuade others to stay away. They met with little success.

In Hoxton some 50 lads marched from the dvers-street School round the district, headed by boys carrying a banner with the words, "We are on strike". After about an hour's freedom, a policeman and the caretaker of the school appeared, and there was a sudden end of the demonstration, the boys returning to work.

Just as the children were going into school in afternoon, at the Payn-street Schools near Caledonian-road. Islington, about ten "strikers" appeared on the scene, armed with sticks, stones, bits of iron, and similar weapons. They threw stones at the school windows, and at the policeman on guard, but eventually he succeeded in frightening the boys away. The Rising Hill Schools, Islington, were also visited by the "strikers". At Ponder's End a number of boys assembled in an or

NEWS

Blair plan to end union links

■ Tony Blair is drawing up contingency plans to break the Labour Party's link with trade unions entirely if they provoke a wave of strikes during the first summer of a Labour government.

Under the strategy, the Labour leader would ballot the entire party membership on whether they wanted to sever the traditional link with the unions - which founded the party in 1901. The move would have to be put to the annual conference, where unions have 50 per cent of the votePages 1, 2, 8

Saddam threatens Kuwait

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq sought to draw the United States deeper into conflict, threatening Kuwait and claiming his forces had fired three more missiles at American aircraft patrolling the extended no-fly zone............ Pages 1, 14

Hotels disturb Prince

The Prince of Wales has found a new source of blots on the landscape, and an excrescense of a word to describe them. The latest offenders are hotels, and what they contribute to the world is 'uglification' Pages I, 19

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Oasis, the anarchic band, abandoned their troubled US tour amid speculation that they are about to split up Pages L 3 Cattle reprieved

The Government took the first step towards abandoning or severely scaling down the selective slaughter of 125,000 younger cattle thought to be be at greatest risk from BSE.....Pages 1, 19

20 years for rapist

Peter Martin, 56, a former policeman and boss of a model agency, who drugged teenage girls, was jailed for 20 years for a series of rapes and assaults...

Benefits of divorce

Divorce can benefit parents and children by increasing self-reliance and giving them control over their lives, psychologists ..Page 6

Tsarist revival

A book detailing the tragedy of Tsar Nicholas II and his wife Alexandra is likely to fuel the revival of sentiment for the last tsar, who in Russia is acquiring the aura of a saint Page 7

Scientology TV drive

The Church of Scientology is to begin a television advertising drive in Britain for the first time after winning approval from the Independent Television Commission. The Cult Information Centre expressed deep concern about the campaign......Page 9

Girls are best

Girls in independent schools have broken one of the last educational barriers by overtaking boys at A level Pages 10, 35

Dangers of drink

Drinking has no safe level, and should be curbed with limited opening hours and higher prices. a World Health Organisation expert said Page 11

Italian march

The Northern League's "Independence March" from Turin to Venice begins as Umberto Bossi activates his campaign for an independent northern Italian region called Padania Page 12

Papandreou's will

Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Socialist leader, cut his children out of his will and left everything to his second wife, Dimitra Liani-Papandreou... Page 13

De Klerk's mission

F.W. De Klerk, who more than any other man changed the lives of South Africans, continues as an opposition leader because he is enjoying himself Page 15

Violent females batter male myths

■ Women are not the demure, non-violent creatures men idealise, Dr Anne Campbell, of Durham University, told the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Their true natures, long hidden by male-generated myths, were finally inning to express themselves. Recently, she sai of violence by girls appeared to be rising...



Justin Hoover, 12, tells a hearing in Washington that he started smoking at the age of six and by nine was stealing them. Page 13

Dividend cut: BTR revealed a £622 million restructuring and 35 per cent dividend cut aimed at restoring its fortunesPage 23

Banking merger: Lloyds TSB plans to close around 150 of the 3,000 branch network created by the banking merger completed in December ... Page 23.

Economy stuck: Britain's headline inflation rate fell to 2.1 per cent in August but the underlying inflation rate, targeted by the Government. remained stuck at 2.8 per cent for the fourth month running.Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 27.0 points to close at 3932.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 86.1 to 86.2 after a rise from \$1.5547 to \$1.5551 and from DM2_3473 to DM2_3510 Page 26

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stride towards winning their penul-

timate match when they dismissed Durham for 126 and replied with Rugby union: The Rugby Football Union has postponed next week's national squad training to give players time to consider new con-

... Page 44 Tennis: Danny Sapsford and Greg Rusedski reached the quarterfinals of the Bournemouth

tracts, which will be worth at least

Musical low: Amid great fanfare, Manchester unveiled its new con-

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Negligence, political pressure on the judiciary and a growing lack of faith in their institutions on the part of Belgian citizens all add up to a lethal cocktail in the continuing paedophile scandal. It can only be prevented from exploding by a convincing if belated Italian-style Belgium up.

— *La Repubblica*, Rome

TY LISTINGS

Preview: An Irish comedy series ends with a plot worthy of French farce. Safe and Sound (BBC), 8.00pm). Review: Lynne Truss finds the fantasy drama Neverwhere juvenile and old-

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Curb the cull

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, should tell the European Commission that the Government now sees no valid scientific, political or moral reason for carrying out the massive slaughter that it has been cajoled by its European partners into accepting Page 19 Adapt or die

If it is to prosper, or even survive, the National Party will require a radical transformation Page 19

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The Mysteries of Ancient China is not only a thrilling exhibition to the eye; the objects on display have, in only a few years, forced the rewriting of history......

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Perfection is not to be found this side of heaven. But a measure of ordinariness, calm, decency and laughter, we can expect Page 18

PHILIP HOWARD

To walk is the defining activity of man. When it is about 14 months old, the conscious mind commands a child "Stand!" And immediately it needs a playpen

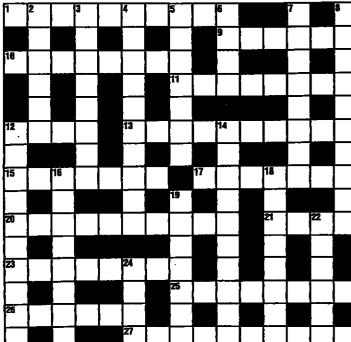
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Major-General James Majury, Korean War hero; Marjorie Moon, historian of children's literature; Monsignor Adriano Hypólito, campaigning liberation theologian in Brazil: James Dodds. Under-Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security...

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- 13 Fit chap I included in a bloody issue (4-6). 15 Be likely to be ready for attack

12 Fruit that's fleshy when cut (4).

- (5.2). 17 Doomed by an old spell (7). 20 I'm able to follow the other lead
- for native of republic (5.5). 21 Change of direction that's very short always (4).
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25 Cup Billy contrived to get in 6 (8). 26 Eponymous hero mixed drink (6). 27 Going on board for sea crossing

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- 3 Faithful follower one, say, embraced by sweetheart (8). 4 Conductor in front of bus, plus the
- person on top (10). 5 Supply flower-girl with article for
- 6 Sporting contest that's never close
- 7 Unusual sort of parish (S). 8 Job of worker, on paper, to follow

leaders? (4.6).

- 12 Carriage in station to drive away about one (4-6). 14 Support less sensitive old-fash-
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22 English author, such as Waugh

24 For example, Southern states (4).

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FORECAST

☐ General: pressure will gradually build over the British Isles as an area of high pressure migrates from the Most places in England and

Wales will be dry with sunny periods after any early mist or fog has In the east there will be a brisk, cool northerly wind and in exposed

parts of coastal areas a few showers Most places in Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry and settled with sunny periods after early mist has cleared. Northern Scotland

will be cloudier with Sutherland and

the islands likely to see some drizzie. □ London. Central Southern England, East Midlands, West Midlands, Channel Islands, Southwest England, South Wales, North Wales, Northwest England, Lake District, isle of Man, Central North: patchy early mist clearing. Thereafter bright,

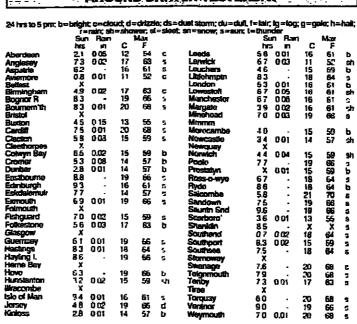
sunny periods, dry. Winds light northerly. Fine. Maximum 18C (64F) Southeast England, East Anglia, Eastern England, Northeast England, Borders: bright with sunny intervals and isolated coastal showers. Winds brisk northerty, decreas Cool. Maximum 15-16C (59-

Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Southwest Scotland, Glas-Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: bright, sunny intervals, perhaps hazy at times. Winds light northerly or variable. Fine. Maximum 16-18C

(61-64F) Northeast Scotland, Northwest Orkney, Shetland: rather cloudy, dull, misty, patchy light drizzle. Winds light westerly. Cool. Maximum 12-14C (54-57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: becoming settled and dry in all

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY



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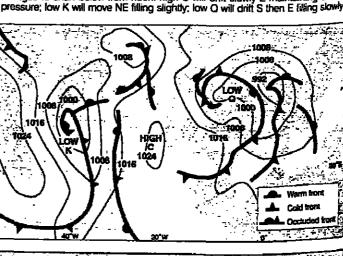
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